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Soccer chiefs told to heed police

Waddington threatens veto on fixtures

By Philip Webster and John Goodbody

FOOTBALL League officials were yesterday ordered to follow police advice on scheduling fixtures or face legislation giving the police the right to veto trouble-threatened matches.

Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, summoned league officials to his Commons office after one of the most outspoken public dressings-down ever given by a minister to the football authorities.

In the Commons, he had condemned the league for its repeated refusal to heed police requests to reschedule last Saturday's Bournemouth-Leeds match which has thrown into fresh doubt the return of English clubs to European competition.

Mr Waddington said the League's refusal to move the match from a Bank holiday weekend was a serious mistake. "The fixture would never have taken place and the trouble would never have arisen if the Football League had heeded the advice of the Chief Constable as long ago as last June and repeated last month." He added that "any sensible body of men" would have done so.

Mr Waddington was speaking as Mr Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, was negotiating measures to minimize the chances of hooliganism among England supporters in Italy for the World Cup next month.

Mr Moynihan agreed a four-point strategy with government and football officials in Rome. England supporters arrested for minor offences will be deported; ferries to Sardinia — where England play their first three games — will be heavily policed with England supporters segregated from other passengers and no alcohol available; no tickets will be sold on match days; and the Italian authorities will not pay unemployment benefit to Englishmen claiming they are looking for work while watching the tournament.

Mr Moynihan emphasized that the important factor for the Government to examine before recommending to UEFA, the European Football Union, whether English clubs should be readmitted to European competition was not so much the behaviour of supporters at home, but their behaviour abroad.

He said it would be unwise and irresponsible for UEFA to make any decision before the World Cup, which opens on June 8.

Meanwhile, Mr Brian Weight, the Dorset chief constable, told the league that Saturday's disorder could have ended in a disaster similar to the Hillsborough tragedy. He called the outbreaks of violence predictable and avoidable and said the league must bear some responsibility.

In a strongly-worded letter to the League secretary, he wrote: "During the Bank holiday weekend my officers were forced to deal with 3,000 to 4,000 so-called Leeds supporters in the county of Dorset who came for no other reason than to terrorize the public. Shop windows were smashed, innumerable cars damaged, women indecently assaulted, families and my officers were attacked and injured."

The violent groups had no tickets and had tried to force their way into the ground. "If they had been successful in breaching the lines of police officers and forcing entrance to the club grounds we would have had another Hillsborough disaster — a disaster that you appear to have disregarded. This whole incident was predictable and with your co-operation could have been avoided."

Mr Arthur Sandford, chief executive of the Football League, and Mr Bill Fox, its president, felt the full force of Mr Waddington's anger at their meeting last night. He sought from them a full explanation of their decision to turn down the requests of Dorset police to change the fixture — the first in a letter on June 26 last year. Mr Waddington told MPs that on that occasion the police got what one of his officials described as a "brush off". Mr Waddington also made plain to the league officials that the Government would consider the call from the Chief Constable of Dorset for the police to be given a veto on fixtures where they foresee the risk of disorder.

However, he said in the Commons that such powers would take time to put into place and there was clear need for the football authorities to work out urgently with chief constables a sensible understanding on handling football fixtures with a high risk of trouble.

It is clear that Mr Waddington would prefer an immediate working arrangement between the league and the police, rather than legislation.

He said: "My own view is that we have got to make the Football League address itself to its responsibilities now, because even if one were to decide that new legislation were necessary, it would take some time to get that legislation on the statute book.

"The question still remains. Why does not a responsible football league heed the advice which is given to them by the people who know about the situation? "Why did it not heed what the chief constable of Dorset had to say? Any sensible body of men would have done so."

At their meeting, he also asked what the league planned to do about potential public order problems created by the Leeds promotion to the first division.

Mr Waddington told MPs earlier: "I am determined that the football authorities should be made to face up to their responsibilities right now to prevent any repetition of the deplorable scenes of the Bank holiday weekend."

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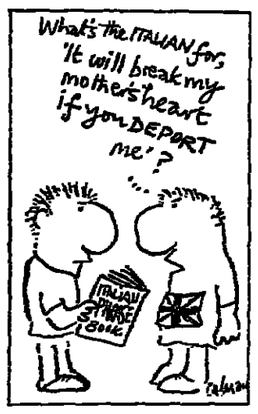

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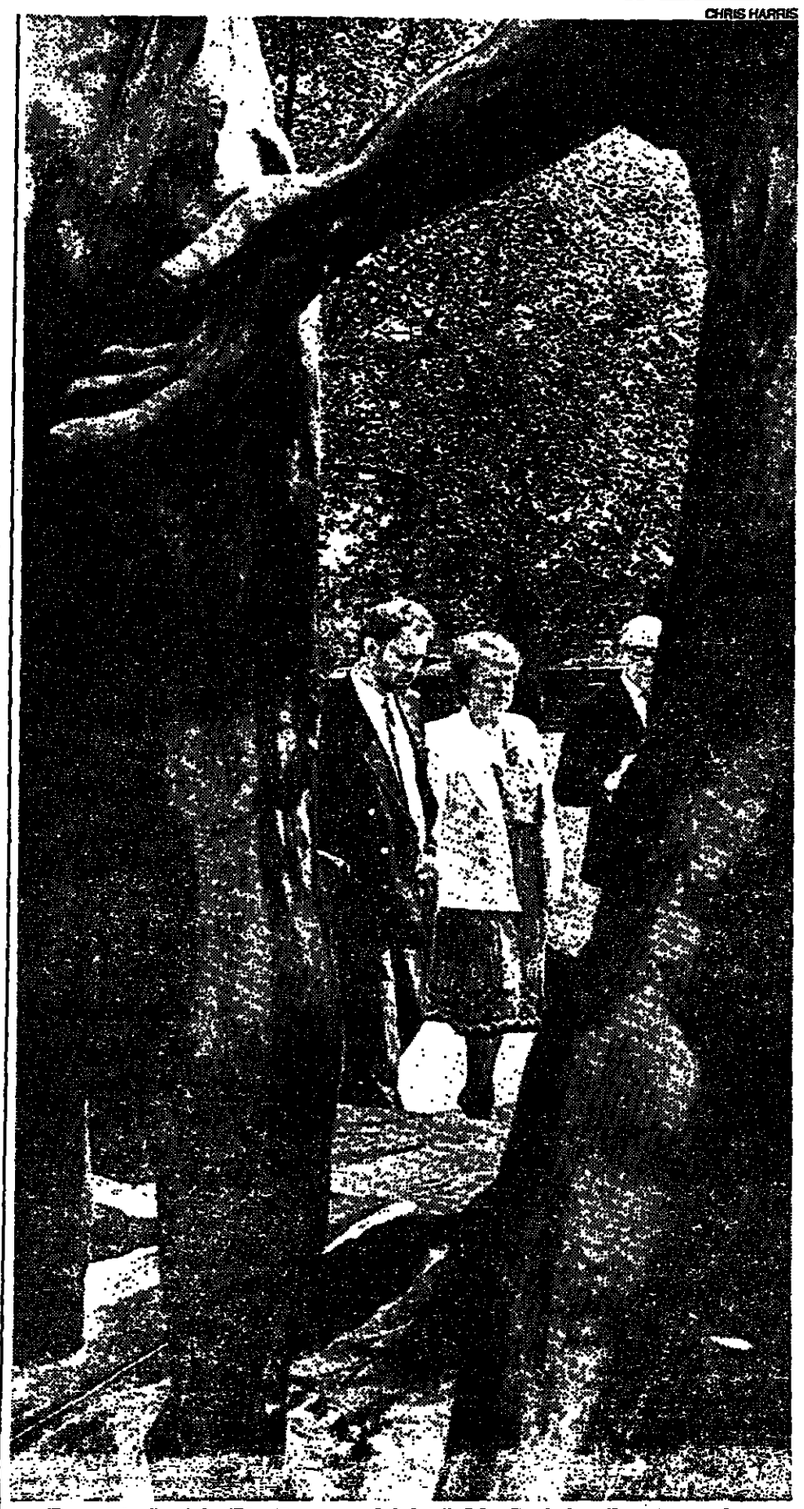

Framed by Rodin's "The Burghers of Calais", Mrs Kazimiera Prunskiene, the Lithuanian Prime Minister, takes a stroll in Westminster before talks with MPs yesterday. She is seeking Western support for her beleaguered republic

Estonia takes Latvian road towards independence

From Anatol Lieven, Riga

THE Estonian supreme soviet yesterday brought its republic into line with Latvia, strengthening the legal basis of Estonian independence and changing its name to the Estonian Republic, with the words "Soviet Socialist" left out. The laws were passed by a majority of 73 votes to 14, suggesting that many Russian and military opponents of independence stayed away.

After the vote the red banner was unceremoniously pulled down from the parliament building and the black, blue and white flag of the inter-war republic hoisted in its place. The law, however, provided that other Soviet symbols can remain in use during the unspecified "transition period" to de facto independence.

Following Latvia, the new laws provide for the restoration of the essential points of the 1937 constitution. These declare that "Estonia is an independent republic, where sovereignty resides in the people"; that the territory of the Estonian state is an integral whole; that only laws passed by Estonian institutions have validity in Estonia; and that "generally recognized rules of international law" apply in Estonia.

As in Latvia, apart from these key points, the existing Soviet constitution will remain in force, and the new laws stop short of explicitly cancelling Soviet authority.

The Estonian congress, which represents citizens of the inter-war republic and their descendants, has been claiming ultimate authority in matters of sovereignty and the constitution. Its leaders have declared in the past that the old flag and name should not be reintroduced until Estonia has achieved real independence or their meaning would be devalued. However, Latvia is believed to have urged the leaders of congress to moderate their objections so that at least two of the three Baltic republics could adopt the same constitutional position as a basis for negotiations with Moscow.

Meanwhile, Baltic deputies to the Congress of People's Deputies in Moscow have been invited by the Kremlin to attend a meeting there tomorrow. It is not clear how many, if any, will respond to the invitation. The Latvians and Estonians are still undecided, while the Lithuanians, by their declaration of independence, ruled out deputies attending in their "official" capacity, though they might still go unofficially.

Large military parades will take place today in all three Baltic capitals to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Soviet victory over Nazi Germany. The size of the crowds will be an important test of feeling in the Baltic.

● MOSCOW: President Gorbachov told senior Soviet officers and veterans in Moscow yesterday that the armed forces must be reformed and he rejected demands by retired military men for action against "anti-socialists".

"We are far from being satisfied with the current situation in the Army. And of course it also cannot be beyond the pale of criticism," he said in a speech at the Bolshoi Theatre marking the commemoration of victory over Nazi Germany.

● VILNIUS: Lieutenant-Colonel Valery Shorupov, deputy commander of the Soviet Army garrison in Vilnius, said yesterday that the Army might have to intervene in the rebel republic if tension there escalated. He urged President Gorbachov to take over running the republic from the Kremlin.

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Police want to drop criminal vetting role

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

SENIOR police officers are urging the Government to consider whether police should be relieved of the responsibility of maintaining the national collection of criminal records, it was disclosed yesterday.

The Association of Chief Police Officers has asked ministers to investigate whether the tasks currently performed by the National Identification Bureau, based at Scotland Yard, should be transferred to another existing public sector agency or to a new body. In either case, police would cease to have responsibility for collating records or vetting job applicants for employers. They would, however, be able to tap the databank when investigating crimes.

Mr Brian Johnson, chairman of the association's committee on the disclosure of convictions, said officers had reached no final conclusion.

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Euro-plane radar deal ends doubt

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

THE four Nato countries involved in the development of the £20 billion European Fighter Aircraft programme confirmed the plane's future with the announcement yesterday of the long-awaited contract for the vital advanced radar system. It was awarded to a consortium led by the new merged company, GEC Ferranti Defence Systems.

The radar contract, which could eventually be worth up to £2 billion, was at the centre of one of the most controversial debates within the alliance in recent years. EFA is being built by Britain, West Germany, Italy and Spain.

There was intense rivalry over the two choices of radar, one produced by a Ferranti-led consortium and the other by a group headed by a West German company. As the row progressed, uncertainty grew over the aircraft, particularly in West Germany after the Cold War officially ended.

But yesterday's announcement that a £300 million radar development contract had been awarded to a consortium in which GEC Ferranti Defence Systems is the prime contractor appeared to put at rest fears that Bonn might opt out of the EFA programme.

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Worker's death halts tunnelling

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

WORK on the Channel Tunnel was brought to a halt yesterday after safety officials began an investigation into the death of a construction worker on Monday night — the sixth British fatality on the project in 18 months.

Mr William Cartman, aged 33, a married man from Washington, Tyne and Wear, died from head and chest injuries after being crushed by machinery at the face of marine running-tunnel north, below Shakespeare Cliff.

The accident occured at 9.52pm and was immediately reported to the Health and Safety Executive by Transmanche Link (TML), the Anglo-French consortium which is building the tunnel.

Mr Cartman had been employed as a grouter on the project since October 1989, working at the cutting edge of one of the tunnel boring machines, where he was responsible for fixing into place the concrete segments which line the tunnel.

TML has been asked not to resume work until the cause of the accident has been established, and any recommendations made. It is thought to be the first time work has come to a complete stop after a fatal accident.

According to statistics collected by the HSE, there were 327 notifiable accidents at the British site between the start of construction work in 1987 and the end of last year. Apart from the one known French fatality, the HSE has no comparible statistics for notifiable accidents in France.

It is estimated that between 30 metres and 40 metres of tunnelling progress will be lost for each day the tunnel boring machines are out of operation.

The five British companies working on the tunnel, Costain Civil Engineering, Wimpey Major Projects, Tarmac Construction, Balfour Beatty Construction, and Taylor Woodrow, were fined £50,000 in March after admitting failing to adequately ensure their employees safety.

The fine followed the death of David Symes in February 1989. He was killed after being crushed between a moving overhead crane and a tunnel boring machine.

There have been four other tunnel fatalities in Britain: Mr A.B. McKenna, 19, killed after being struck by a deisel locomotive in January 1989; Gary Woodward, 32, crushed by a tunnel-boring machine in October 1989; Keith Lynch, 34, killed after being hit by a loaded flat trolley in January 1990; and Stephen Wright, aged 40, who was fatally injured while working on a sea wall.

Prince lauds Hungary

From Alan Hamilton, Budapest

THE Prince of Wales yesterday welcomed Hungary back into Western civilization, urging action to reverse what he called the ecological near-Armageddon which communism had brought to the East.

At the Karl Marx University, renamed the Budapest Institute of Economics, the Prince praised Hungarians for retaining their spirit, culture and identity in adversity. He said the nation's soul had survived and was stronger than before. "It seems to me an extraordinarily brave and unique achievement," the Prince said, going on to deplore Hungary's post-war "amputation" from the West.

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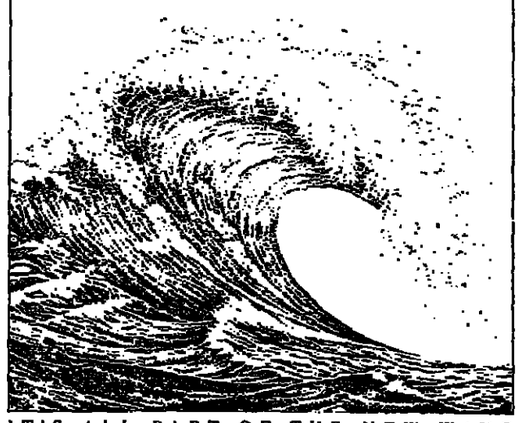
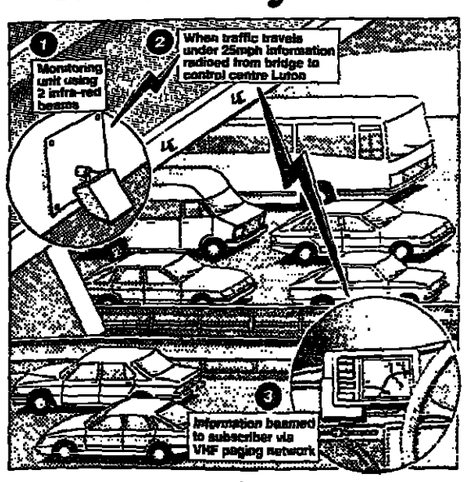


IT'S ALL PART OF THE NEW WAVE ON MERSEYSIDE

The way ahead to beat motorway queues

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent



THE days of spending needless and frustrating hours trapped in a motorway traffic jam may be at an end. Britain's first, commercially available, in-car traffic information system, capable of automatically alerting drivers with up-to-the-minute information on motorway congestion, receives its government operating license today.

Called Trafficmaster, it represents the first fruit of the Road Traffic Drivers Information and Navigation Act 1989, which was promoted by Mr Paul Channon, the former Secretary of State for Transport. The system, which its developers claim may be the first commercially available one of its kind in the world, gives motorists prior warning of traffic flows that have slowed down to crawling speeds.

The instrument is portable, and can therefore allow office workers to pinpoint traffic jams and plot a route before they leave their workplace. Trafficmaster will allow motorists who leave the motorway for meals or services to have access to up-to-the-minute news of changing road conditions, and accordingly choose a trouble-free route ahead.

General Logistics of Luton, Bedfordshire, the developers of the system, expect it to be in operation by August. The system has been undergoing trials on the M1 over the past year. At the heart of the technology is infra-red sensors mounted on motorway bridges, which send out two beams on to the lanes below. Mr David Martell, managing director of General Logistics, said: "The beams are set three metres apart so that, as a car passes through them it sends a pulse to a processor on the bridge."

If the traffic flow stays at or above 25 miles-per-hour, the system remains inactive. However, if car speeds drop below this threshold, a radio signal is sent to the company's control room computer, which is based at Luton airport.

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Lords rebellion sets back reforms in community care

By Sheila Gunn and Jill Sherman

THE Government yesterday suffered a significant setback over its community care reforms after a successful Lords revolt calling for earmarked grants for local authorities for the care of the elderly and the mentally handicapped and other vulnerable groups.

The peers vote in favour of "ringfencing" community care budgets has the support of a strong body of Tory backbench MPs who believe it would convince councils that the Government's reforms will be backed up by additional funding for carrying out their new responsibilities.

Health and social service organizations were last night delighted by the Government's defeat claiming that the new clause in the NHS and Community Care Bill, if supported in the Commons, would "safeguard community care".

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, held out against a similar attempt to "ringfence" the budgets during the Commons stages of the NHS and Community Care Bill.

It is understood that, while he had some sympathy for the initiative, the Treasury is strongly opposed to giving local councils annual earmarked grants for community care. Government sources predicted last night that Mr Clarke will be forced to come up with at least a compromise to satisfy Tory backbenchers in both the Commons and the Lords.

Lord Allen of Abbeydale, a former leading civil servant and independent peer, led the successful Lords revolt arguing that it would oblige the Government to announce how much money would be available for community care.

With the rapidly growing costs of caring for the elderly, many peers and MPs fear that Mr Clarke's widely-welcomed reforms will not be backed up by Treasury funding. Lord Allen said that, without his amendment, the legislation's "admirable ambitions" could go sadly wrong. "It would ensure that the money intended for the most vulnerable people would reach its destination," he added.

The amendment was passed by 127 votes to 119.

A leading Tory social campaigner, Lady Faithfull, issued a warning that unless specific funds were earmarked for community care, councils would be tempted to divert them to other purposes. The Association of Directors of Social Services said the vote in the Lords represented a significant breakthrough which, if supported in the Commons, would prevent money "leaking "into other local authority budgets once the community care reforms are implemented next April.

The association has been one of a number of organizations, together with the all party Social Services Select Committee, who have been pressing for a specific community care grant to cover all groups cared for in the community. The Government's White Paper on community care proposed earmarking money only for the mentally ill through a special grant linked to plans put forward by local authorities and agreed by health authorities.

Funds for the care of the elderly and the mentally handicapped, however, were expected to be paid through the general revenue support grant or raised through the poll tax. The association argued that unless money for all care groups was earmarked, local authorities, under pressure to restrain spending in order to lower poll tax levels, would refuse to allocate enough money to social services departments.

A survey carried out by the association this year showed that 75 per cent of social services departments thought they would not have enough money to implement the community care reforms, mainly because of the Government's decision not to earmark funds.

A spokesman for the association said:" We are extremely pleased at the news. Assuming that it stands it would safeguard community care in the future." Central government would also now have to specify spending levels for community care, revealing how much they were intending to transfer from the social security budget.

The spokesman suggested that the Government could compromise by agreeing to a specific grant linked to agreed plans similar to the mental illness grant. This was first suggested by Sir Roy Griffiths, the prime minister's adviser on health, but was dropped when the Government published its White Paper on community care.

The Royal College of Nursing said:"This is tremendous news for everyone concerned with care in the community. The Government must take heed of the strength of public and parliamentary opinion when this Bill returns to the Commons."

Police chief voices fears about vetting of criminal records

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

A LEADING chief constable publicly questioned yesterday whether police should continue to maintain the national criminal record archive and to help to vet certain job applicants.

Mr Brian Johnson, chief constable of Lancashire, was speaking after the disclosure in *The Times* yesterday that the names of more than million job applicants are being passed through the police national computer each year to check for previous convictions.

Mr Johnson, chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers' committee on the disclosure of convictions, said the enormous expansion in vetting since the mid-1980s was putting police under logistical and ethical pressure. Urgent action was needed to resolve the issue.

A growing number of policemen, he suggested, thought the solution lay in the creation of an agency, independent of the police, charged with maintaining criminal records and meeting vetting requests.

At present, the central archive of seven million criminal files is held by the National Identification Bureau (NIB) at Scotland Yard. Vetting is shared between the the NIB and county forces.

Confessing that police were "absolutely beleaguered" with vetting requests from employers, mainly government departments and local authorities, Mr Johnson said: "The question comes down to this: are the police the best people to say who should have this information and how much should be given out?"

The association, he emphasized, had yet to reach a conclusion, but he made clear it favoured the idea of police shedding responsibility for vetting and collating and maintaining records.

Mr Johnson did not doubt the police's ability to maintain records efficiently and with probity. But he claimed the difficulties police faced in acquiring data quickly from courts and the explosion in vetting meant the system was coming under intense strain.

He said: "What's happening now is that local authorities are trying to extend the checks they can legitimately ask for when appointing people to jobs offering substantial access to children. They now want taxi drivers to be included and people working with the elderly." The private security industry was also trying to enlist the police's help in screening recruits. Concern about the issue was also voiced by Mr Colin Smith, chief constable of Thames Valley Police, who said few would question the wisdom of people such as teachers and social workers being vetted.

But he suggested that if checks were extended — as some wanted — to individuals who had only casual contact with children in the course of their work, there would be a real danger of job opportunities being denied to ex-offenders.

"Society has to decide whether the access to children is such that that avenue of employment should be denied to an offender who genuinely wants to reform and re-integrate with the community," he said.

Jobs involving access to children are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, 1974, which allows many offences to become spent after fixed periods.

Mr Smith also shared Mr Johnson's doubts whether police should continue to maintain criminal records. Police, he said, were only one of the users of the records and had faced increased problems in collating data since the Crown Prosecution Service was set up.

The Commons' Home Affairs Select Committee has recommended that the NIB be replaced by an independent agency, accountable to Parliament.

Mr Brian Johnson: concern over vetting

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Power cut and crashes slow commuters

By Della Matthews

TRANSPORT disruption bedevilled rush-hour commuters returning to work in London yesterday after traffic lights and parts of the Underground system were affected by a serious power failure.

More than 300,000 Tube passengers were estimated to have been affected by the fault at the National Power supergrid sub-station at St John's Wood, north-west London. There was confusion on the Piccadilly and District lines after signalling facilities were interrupted by the cut.

Road-users faced lengthy traffic jams in Westminster, Chelsea, Kensington, Paddington and the West End when computerized traffic lights put out of action. Although the power cut, which began at 6.50am, was over by 7.15am, road-users experienced problems for the next hour and Underground services were haphazard on the affected lines for much of the morning. "There has been bunching of trains which has caused residual delays and gaps in services," London Underground said. "Fortunately, by the time the peak period was under way, power had been restored and trains were beginning to get back to normal."

Most Tube trains kept moving because they use automatic signals and their power supply is generated by London Underground. However, problems arose because some signalling and station services were powered by electricity from the national grid.

As a result, disruption at Earl's Court — the control room for both lines — reverberated down the District Line, which is London's busiest peak-time route, while Piccadilly Circus station was closed for two hours after escalators halted. The Richmond loop of the District line was closed for 30 minutes and Royal Oak and Maida Vale station power supplies were affected.

A London Electricity Board spokesman said he did not know the exact cause of the failure in the supply point at St John's Wood. The failure affected about 180,000 customers and commuters were advised to used alternative routes.

The troubles were worsened by an accident blocking the eastbound elevated section of the M4 at Chiswick. There was a traffic tailback to the M25.

In another serious crash on the M25, a scrap metal dealer was killed when his truck was crushed under a 38-ton lorry. Three lorries and four cars were involved in the accident which blocked the northbound carriageway of the motorway near Dartford, Kent.

Firemen spent nearly three hours clearing the wreckage. Two women were trapped in cars and had to be cut free. They were taken by helicopter to hospital where one was said to be in an extremely serious condition.

Row over first aid for woman

A NURSE head-butted an ambulanceman as they argued over who should treat a woman who had a heart attack in the street, a court was told yesterday.

Arthur Granger, aged 28, of Thackhall Street, Coventry, was given a three-month suspended jail sentence after admitting causing Mr Richard Endres actual bodily harm. He was also ordered to pay him £400 compensation.

Granger had been treating the woman, who later died, when Mr Endres arrived in response to a 999 call.

Murder inquiry

THE remains of Tina Bell, aged 18, who walked out of her home in Billingham, Cleveland, after an argument with her parents a year ago, have been found on wasteland near the house. A dog uncovered the skull, and a police search revealed other bones. A murder inquiry has been launched.

Charter slump

The number of charter flights from Gatwick airport during March fell by 21 per cent compared with last year, reflecting the decline in the demand for package holidays.

TV share limit

Independent television companies will not be allowed to hold more than a 20 per cent stake in the private company due to take over the Independent Broadcasting Authority's transmission operation, the Government announced last night. A similar restriction will apply to British Telecom.

Law student who assaulted pregnant women goes free

By Robin Stacey

A LAW student who sexually assualted pregnant women walked free from court after claiming he had an "academic interest in gynaecology".

Jonathon Russell, the son of a magistrate, committed the offences at hospitals in Essex, Surrey, Berkshire and Hampshire, by dressing up in a doctor's style white shirt.

At Reading Magistrates' Court, in Berkshire, yesterday, he admitted five offences of indecent assault and a specimen charge of inpersonating a registered general practitioner. Russell, of Longmill Lane, Crouch, Sevenoaks, was given a conditional discharge for two years and ordered to pay £30 prosecution costs.Russell was caught after examining a pregnant housewife at Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, Mrs Pauline Bishop, for the prosecution, said.

Dressed like a doctor, he had lifted the woman's sweatshirt and had prodded her naked stomach. A porter, however, had grown suspcious and took the registration number of his car. At his home, police found three of the doctor-style shirts, complete with epaulettes and breast-pockets.

Mr Joe McDermott, for the defence, said that in spite of widespead inquiries, police had been unable to trace any of Russell's other victims.

After reading probation and psychiatric reports, Mr Frank Harris, chairman of the bench, said: "We note from reports you are prepared to seek psychiatric help and are therefore prepared to give you a two-year conditional discharge."

Icy ordeal

Wrangell, Alaska — A Swiss man said he was stranded for days with nothing but the clothes on his back, two lighters and a wallet after his homemade raft overturned in the icy Stikine River. He said he ignored warnings not to make the trip alone. *(AP)*

Tories are back on Ulster election trail

By Edward Gorman

THE first electoral campaign by the Conservative party in Northern Ireland for 70 years got under way in earnest yesterday with Northern Ireland Office ministers joining the campaign trail in the run-up to next week's by-election in Upper Bann.

Mr John Cope, Minister of State, said he was delighted to lend his support to Mrs Colette Jones, the Conservative candidate. "It is important for Northern Ireland to join again in the Westminster process," he said. He added that the voters of Upper Bann must begin to choose between the "main United Kingdom parties" over traditional Northern Ireland-based parties, in order to influence government decisions in Westminster.

The by-election in the strongly Unionist constituency will be held a week from tomorrow and follows the death in February of Mr Harold McCusker, the sitting MP who, at the last election, had a majority of over 17,000. The result of the contest is regarded as a foregone conclusion, with Mr David Trimble, a Queen's University law lecturer, almost certain to retain the seat for the Ulster Unionist party.

In a wide field of 11 candidates, the performance of the Conservatives will be watched closely as a pointer to their prospects in an area of the province outside its middle class heartland in the north of Co Down. The decision by the Conservatives to organize in Northern Ireland was approved at the Party conference in Blackpool last October, but is still regarded ambivalently by a number of senior Tories, including Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland who, as chairman of the party, opposed it.

Last night, Mr Brooke was due to address the East Belfast Conservative Association — a meeting at which Mrs Jones was to be present and at which her campaign managers were hoping Mr Brooke would unequivocally endorse her candidature.

The opponents of organizing in the province hold that, by admitting Mrs Jones and her supporters to the party, they would be in a position to campaign against government policy on devolution and the Anglo-Irish Agreement from within party ranks.

In addition, the organization further complicates an already badly splintered political spectrum and could undermine attempts by a Conservative-run Northern Ireland office to portray itself as an "independent" honest broker beteen the parties in the search for a settlement.

Mr Trimble, an articulate, vigorous and abrasive exponent of Unionist insecurities, confidently expects Mrs Jones to lose her deposit. He is strong on law and order and advocates a limited form of devolution outside the framework of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, which he wants scrapped. The Labour party, which has resisted calls to organize in the province, is facing the embarrassment of a candidate running on a "right to vote Labour" ticket, which yesterday won the support of Ms Kate Hoey, the Northern Ireland born MP.

● Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, yesterday appeared to dampen hopes of political progress in Northern Ireland, indicating that he could not comtemplate either suspending the Anglo-Irish Conference or the Secretariat at Maryfield outside Belfast.

Mr Haughey told parliament in Dublin that he was keen to be as helpful as possible in assisting moves towards progress, but unionist demands for the dual suspensions were out of the question.

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MPs call for ban on drinking near football grounds

By Jamie Dettmer and Craig Seton

DRINKING alcohol should be banned outside soccer grounds on match days to prevent the kind of violence witnessed outside Bournemouth's Dean Court stadium at the weekend, Conservative MPs say.

The Home Secretary's statement to the Commons on the Bournemouth disorder fell short of reassuring some backbenchers about the effectiveness of the Government's clampdown on football hooliganism. "No-drinking zones" around grounds are seen by some Tory MPs as an effective way of preventing young fans from "fuelling themselves into violent behaviour".

"The no drinking zone idea is an obvious example of a practical measure which the Government could apply very easily," Mr David Atkinson, Conservative MP for Bournemouth East, said.

Frontbench Labour spokesmen also believe such a measure could be useful. Mr Roy Hattersely, the shadow Home Secretary, argues that ministers have spent too much time studying the connections between drinking and public disorder and too little introducing measures to curb drunken violence.

Many of the 3,000 Leeds fans who rampaged through Bournemouth were seen drinking heavily before the disturbances started. At one point, some fans got a taxi to ferry beer to them from a local off-licence.

The "no-drinking zones" proposal is modelled on experimental bans in seven towns, which were endorsed by the ministerial working group on alcohol abuse, an inter-departmental committee chaired by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Deputy Prime Minister.

The bans apply mainly to town and city-centre precincts, car parks and some open spaces within designated areas. Under the by-law, the police can warn people outside pubs to stop drinking. If offenders refuse to do so, they can be prosecuted and fined up to £100. At least a hundred councils have said they would consider similar bans.

Coventry was the first to introduce the by-law as a result of the city's drink-related crime project — an initiative involving the city council, the police, chamber of commerce and licensees. The scheme has now been widened to include a regular police watch on public houses and is soon to be extended to off-licences.

Mr Rod Drew, the project chairman, said yesterday: "The by-law has really changed the atmosphere in the city centre. It used to be intimidating, with gangs of youths and winos walking about, but that has now all changed. We seem to have got rid of that problem."

Mr Drew said the pub watch scheme was also proving successful. That involved agreements with breweries and licensees to co-operate with unannounced visits by police officers to public houses to catch under-age drinkers and customers causing trouble. Licensees were also involved in a "early warning" system under which one would tip off another that an unruly group of customers was in a particular area. Mr Drew said agreement had been reached on a watch system for off-licences, since it was felt that these were being used by under-age drinkers who had been deterred from entering the city's public houses.

Six people have been reported for prosecution since the introduction of the by-law, of whom three have been fined. Several dozen others have been warned. In Bath, police have issued 90 warnings since the ban was imposed in March last year, and prosecuted three offenders.

In spite of the effectiveness of the pilot scheme, the Home Office is keen to follow its original timetable for the experiment, which is designed to run until the summer of 1991, before encouraging other local authorities to introduce "no-drinking zones".

Mr Hattersley criticized the Home Office last night for its insistence on keeping to the timetable.

"Ministers talk tough, talk about initiatives, but never get down to doing anything," he said. "The 'no-drinking zone' proposal is a useful one but it is being hamstrung because of a timetable."

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How Brighton swept its lager louts off the streets

By Lin Jenkins

THE spectre of the summer of 1986 when police were pelted with stones and assaulted as battles raged through the streets, still hangs over Brighton police.

Evenings ended with armoured police vehicles in hot pursuit of a disorderly throng of drunken youths. The summer culminated in more appalling scenes when the free urban festival deteriorated into an excuse for drunken youths to run riot.

"There were lots of incidents. We simply did not have the manpower to tackle the symptoms, we had to get to the cause," Inspector Doug Simmonds, who heads the innovative Brighton police licensing unit, said.

Statistics collated from 9,000 arrests that year show that 61 per cent of those in custody for any reason had been drinking in the previous four hours. Of all public order offences, 98 per cent were alcohol-related, as were 73 per cent of criminal damage cases.

In a town with 740 licensed premises, three casinos and the capacity for up to 11,000 people to be drinking until 2 am, it appeared obvious that some licensees were willing to neglect their legal obligations.

The unit was formed with 11 men. The aim was to make publicans and licensees responsible for what happened later. Problem public houses and clubs were targeted and licensees urged to put their own houses in order. If they refused, the police were prepared to revoke their licences.

Sergeant Digby Dunnis, who started on the unit at its inception, said: "We forged closer links with the publicans and the breweries. But it has always been a two-way thing. They can come to us if they have any problems. The unit always follows up if police have been called to an incident and discusses with the licensee what the problem is."

Inspector Simmonds insists the threat of revocation of licence is rarely used, although several clubs and pubs have been closed. "The threat of hanging does not prevent murder, we have to be diplomatic and helpful." That amounts to vetting potential licensees and asking breweries to change their choice if necessary. Many clubs and pubs have been persuaded to instal closed-circuit television, remove pool tables and employ doormen. Where a premises comes under new ownership or is being revamped, the police work closely with the owners in deciding even how it should be laid out.

Drink-related crime is down 10 per cent at least and when Leeds played Brighton a few weeks ago, many pubs closed their doors and others employed doormen to keep out supporters bent on drinking too much.

The response from the trade to the police initiative has been positive. Mr Roy Skam, a Brighton licensee for 20 years and legal and licensing chairman of the local Licensed Victuallars Association said: "Publicans used to feel intimidated by the police, but now we meet them all the time, not just when they are checking on after-hours drinking."

Inspector Simmonds already sits on Alcohol Forum, a multi-agency approach to drink problems and how they can best be tackled. It has recently invited those from the brewing industry to join in an effort to identify joint initiatives to reduce the problems. Inspector Simmonds believes the police should not be handling juvenile drunks. There should be another agency to sober them up, assess the depth of their problem and refer them to somewhere which could help.

After prompting from the Home Office, the regional health authority has recently appointed an alcohol misuse coordinator. Much of the work he is to do will stem from Brighton police's unique research into alcohol-related crime and their pioneering approach to dealing with its most visual aspect, that of lager louts on the streets.

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David Bellamy, the television environmentalist, sharing some of nature's wonder with Gloria Orozco, aged 10, when he launched the Natural Garden Schools Campaign yesterday at St John's school, Islington, north London. It is aimed at encouraging school environment projects

Plea for the destruction of 472-ton ivory stockpile

By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

THE Director of the Kenyan Wildlife Service, Dr Richard Leakey, yesterday called for the destruction of the 472-ton ivory stockpile in Hong Kong after its six-month exemption from the world-wide ivory trade ban runs out in July.

Dr Leakey, the forceful leader of Kenya's fight against ivory poachers, was speaking at a lunch in Broadcasting House in London to present the prizes in the £5,000 environment award organized by *The Times* and BBC Radio Four's evening news programme, *PM*.

"A lot of ivory has been stockpiled around the world and there is a lot of ivory still in Hong Kong, in Taiwan, and a lot of ivory has been moved to China," he said yesterday. "There is still a potential for the ivory trade to regenerate. At the moment we're not sure the way it's going. The British Government has allowed Hong Kong an extra six months to dispose of its ivory and there still remains a great deal. I believe that by July 18, when the extension comes to an end, there will still be a lot of ivory in Hong Kong.

"I would like to appeal to the people of Britain to insist that the British Government not allow a further extension to the sale of that ivory. Let us destroy the ivory trade and let us destroy whatever stocks remain in Hong Kong and elsewhere after July 18."

The Foreign Office said last night : "An extension to the six months is just not contemplated. Ministers have said, and Hong Kong readily accepts, that they have six months, and that is it."

The question of what happens to the remaining stocks, however, is more equivocal. The latest revised estimate puts them at 472 tons, thought to be worth about £30 million. There would be problems for the Government if it wished to organize a destruction of the Hong Kong stocks. Most of the ivory held in Hong Kong is in the hands of private owners, some of whom are expected to hold on to their stocks until the next meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, in the hope that limited trading may be reauthorized.

Dr Leakey praised the five finalists in *The Times/PM* award, saying : "I feel very strongly they epitomize the central issue in the struggle to make the world a better place: it is individual efforts and the expression of those efforts through the media, to make other people aware that their effort makes a difference."

He presented the award plaque and a cheque for £5000 to Mr Ron Greer and the Loch Garry Tree Group, who wish to bring broad-leaved forest back to the bare Highlands of Scotland.

Elephants lose space trackers after mud bath

By Ruth Gledhill

ELEPHANTS taking vigorous mud baths are believed to be responsible for a last-minute hitch in an elephant satellite tracking project that will be unveiled at London Zoo today.

When the Queen switches on the final link to light up a screen charting the progress of a herd of elephants across Kenya, she will see the tracks of only one elephant. Two have dislodged their antennae, probably by rolling in the mud. Three transmitters are being built, with protective horns to shield the antennae.

Mr David Jones, director of zoo, said: "Elephants can submerge themselves in water for up to half an hour and then go for a roll in three feet of mud. It is pretty remarkable that it is working at all."

In the £300,000 three-year project, still in the experimental stage, three elephants in a herd on the Laikipia Plateau in central Kenya were sedated and fitted with a plastic-coated aerial attached to a collar, to transmit signals to a communications satellite passing overhead up to 10 times a day. Although all the elephants are transmitting local VHF signals, satellite signals are being received from just one.

London Zoo said: "We will keep just one track on the computer unless all three move off in different directions. To have three lines showing on the computer screen would be confusing." Miss Alexandra Dixon, the zoo's conservation officer, said: "We tried it out on female elephants at Whipsnade and it worked beautifully. We even put them under huge fire hydrant hoses. This is new technology. We thought there would be some problems." The 8 in antennae, attached to satellite signal boxes on top of a collar made of industrial rubber, are kept in place by a counterweight. Signals reach London Zoo via a satellite station in Toulouse, France.

The project, sponsored by Bunzl, the paper company, and the World Wide Fund for Nature, was initiated by the Gallman Memorial Foundation and is being run by London Zoo and the Kenyan Wildlife Services. It is using the Argos satellite system, which is used to locate shipping. The system has been used to track whales and French environmentalists hope to use it to track elephants moving up through central Africa into Chad. London Zoo is working on a similar system to track migrating cranes by satellite.

The African elephant population has fallen by half in the last 10 years to between 500,000 and 700,000. The number of elephants in Kenya, one of the worst hit areas, has declined by up to 90 per cent.

● Scientists at London Zoo have begun work on a project to develop a contraceptive "pill" for elephants. They have collated research on the use of contraceptives in big cats, hoofed animals and ruminants. The "pill" will probably be a hormone implant placed under the skin in a slow-release material.

In some areas, like the Laikipia Plateau, home to 3,000 elephants, the population has increased as a result of conscientious landowners and is close to capacity. Refugee elephants have migrated from reserves still threatened by poachers.

Dr Richard Leakey, director of the Kenyan Wildlife Services, said culling would be inappropriate for political and environmental reasons.

£2m Mayfair art robbery

By Robin Young

DETECTIVES were yesterday investigating the theft of art treasures worth about £2 million from a private collection in a house in South Audley Street, Mayfair, in the West End of London. Scotland Yard said the raid bore all the hallmarks of a professionally-organized robbery commissioned by an art dealer or collecting client.

The haul included an oil painting on wood by the Florentine Mannerist Agnelo Bronzino, depicting a man with a black hat and a beard, said to be worth at least £500,000. The raiders also took Italian antiques from a collection built up by the onwer, Mr Roberto Memmo, a wealthy Italian collector.

Other items stolen included four bronze statues by Putti, two bronze horses, two bronze busts, a silver elephant surrounded by silver eggs, an Egyptian bronze statue with a solid gold base, and a silver cutlery set engraved with the motif Le Quattro Cento, the name of a Monaco club owned by Mr Memmo. The set is believed to be the only one of its kind in the country.

There were also paintings signed by Alfredo Delux, an antique samurai ceremonial sword, a clock, porcelain candlesticks, and a complete service of white and gold Minton crockery. Police said yesterday that a van would have been required to remove everything taken from the house.

They are seeking two men suspects, described as white males, aged between 20 and 30, who were seen near a white van in South Audley Street last Tuesday. Police said yesterday that the robbery had been carried out between April 25 and May 2 while Mr Memmo was out of the country.

Mr Memmo, who flew back to Italy on Monday, has asked for no personal publicity. He has, however, offered a £50,000 reward for the recovery of his treasures.

A new security alarm system was being installed at the house yesterday. Mr Memmo is said to have owned the South Audley Street house for 45 years, but also has homes in New York, Rome and Monte Carlo.

Suicide MP left estate valued £3m

THE Conservative MP Mr John Heddle, who was said to have had financial problems when he committed suicide last December, left estate valued at £3,641,523, but only £12,420 net. The wide divergence between the values suggests that considerable debts were charged to his estate.

Mr Heddle, MP for Mid-Staffordshire, left his estate to his widow, Janet, and four children by his first marriage.

Probate was granted to Mr Roger Moate, Conservative MP for Faversham, and Mr Michael Walter, of Five Oaks Green, Tonbridge, Kent.

Mr Heddle's daughter, Miss Caroline Heddle, told an inquest in February that her father had been depressed by financial problems and the pressure of work. He had a history of depression dating from the early 1970s and had attempted suicide before, she said.

Mr Heddle, a director of property companies and a Lloyd's underwriter, was said to have been affected by the slump in the housing market.

He was MP for Lichfield and Tamworth from 1979 to 1983, when he became MP for Mid-Staffordshire. His 14,650 majority at the 1987 general election was overturned by the Labour Party in the by-election brought about by his death.

The MP was found dead in his Jaguar car in a chalk pit near Canterbury, Kent, on December 19. A hosepipe had been linked to the exhaust.

Warning on executive rises

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

THE Government was warned last night that its hopes of controlling wage-led inflation will fail if it continues to allow company directors to award themselves rises of up to five times the rate of inflation when the performance of their companies did not merit such increases.

The warning was delivered by Dr Marjorie Mowlam, MP for Redcar and Labour's spokeswoman on the City and corporate affairs. She published a research document showing that last year directors of the biggest UK corporations received increases far in excess of the performance of the shares of their companies.

She said the published company results show that directors and chairmen continue to pay themselves big increases at a time when the Government is exhorting workers to moderate pay claims.

Dr Mowlam asked: "How can anyone expect industrial pay increases to stay below 10 per cent when directors continue to receive pay increases three, four or even five times the rate of inflation?

Dr Mowlam: "Directors have not earned rises"

"It is one thing for Mrs Thatcher or Sir Geoffrey Howe to say it is unacceptable for the directors to act in this way but unless they take a lead they cannot expect a different attitude from the workforce. British trade unionists would, no doubt, accept that top management should be paid if they have earned it by performance. These directors clearly have not done so."

The Institute of Directors said it was vital that top executives were paid competitive rates if they were to be retained. The institute had no argument against high pay awards as long as they were based on individual merit and not imposed by collective bargaining.

D'Oyly Carte to move

By Craig Seton

THE D'Oyly Carte Opera is to move from London to a new home in Birmingham.

The company, Britain's leading Gilbert and Sullivan specialist, is to be based from January next year at Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre, which is to be refurbished by the city council.

Details of the move are to be announced officially next week. The D'Oyly Carte is the oldest established opera company in England and has faced serious financial problems in recent years.

From September, the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet will be based at the city's Hippodrome Theatre and renamed the Birmingham Royal Ballet.

Leeds fan fined for police assault

SIX more Leeds United supporters appeared before Bournemouth magistrates yesterday charged with offences connected with the weekend's disorder.

Mark Gardiner, aged 28, a scaffolder, of Stoke Village, Plymouth, faced charges of using threatening behaviour and assaulting a policeman.

Miss Melanie Pliskin, for the prosecution, said that soccer fans ran amok in Bournemouth on Friday night. She said: "Gardiner threw a beer can at a police officer, striking him on the face. Fortunately, the officer did not receive serious injury."

Mr Alan Ponting, defending, said that Gardiner had travelled to Bournemouth to meet up with friends. He said: "Gardiner was not one of the hard-core football fans responsible for much of the violence. He just found himself in an extraordinary situation and over-reacted."

Gardiner was bound over for a year in the sum of £200, fined £100 for assault and ordered to pay £30 costs.

Gerald Rhoades, aged 20, a labourer, of Sissons Terrace, Leeds, appeared in custody charged with possessing an offensive weapon, a 6 ft plank, and elected for Crown Court trial. He was remanded on bail to June 26 with conditions of residence, that he does not attend an international or league football match and reports to police.

Russell Wade, aged 18, a storeman, of Bramley, Leeds, appeared in custody charged with violent disorder. He was remanded on bail to June 26 with conditions of residence, reporting, and not attending matches in Britain or abroad.

Mark Snowden, aged 20, a labourer, of Sheffield Street, Scunthorpe, admitted possessing an offensive weapon and using threatening behaviour, and was remanded on bail until May 24, with conditions of reporting, residence and not attending football matches.

David Howden, aged 21, a signmaker, of Naburn Road, Leeds, appeared in custody charged with assault causing actual bodily harm. Howden, who admitted kicking a policeman, was remanded on bail until May 24 with conditions of residence, reporting and not attending matches.

Paul Eyre, aged 17, a painter, of Dewsbury Road, Wakefield, who is accused of receiving stolen goods and destroying a motorcycle by fire was remanded on bail until July 3 with conditions of residence, reporting and not attending football matches.

Nine football supporters involved in violent clashes associated with last weekend's Chesterfield v Grimsby Division Four match were yesterday fined and banned from attending matches in Britain and abroad for two years. The ban means the supporters, who admitted public order offences, will not be allowed to go to Italy for next month's World Cup.

Family link in cancers

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

SOME women and their children appear more vulnerable to various forms of cancer because of risk factors within their families, researchers have found.

Doctors believe that in such families, there is a link between the development of breast cancer in the mother before her menopause and the onset of rare tumours in one or more of her infants. The risk to the woman seems to increase if she has her first baby relatively late in life, and if the affected child is born after all or most of her other children.

The findings were made by Dr Jillian Birch and colleagues at Manchester University and the Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute in Manchester, in a project funded by the Cancer Research Campaign. "Our research suggests that these events are not independent, and that interactions between genetic and other factors may be important," Dr Birch said yesterday.

Studies of affected families had enabled women at high risk of breast cancer to be identified for early screening, thus improving their chances of survival, Dr Birch said. And more investigations of cancer family syndromes might provide insights into the underlying mechanisms responsible for the development of common cancers, such as cancer of the breast.

Banker escapes ban over parking shunt

AN INVESTMENT banker arrested for drink-driving escaped a driving ban yesterday because he had only driven two to three feet, and then criticized the police for arresting him in the first place.

Herbert Towning was fined £100 with £25 costs, but escaped the mandatory ban after the Horseferry Road magistrate Mr Ronald Moss accepted he had special reasons not to be disqualified.

Towning had admitted driving with excess alcohol after a neighbour drove him home late on June 20 last year. He failed a breath test after police saw him using his Mercedes car to move another neighbour's Metro by reversing into it outside his home in Wellington Square, Chelsea, Miss Angela Simons, for the prosecution, told the court. A blood sample given at Chelsea police station showed he had 107 mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood, 27mg over the limit.

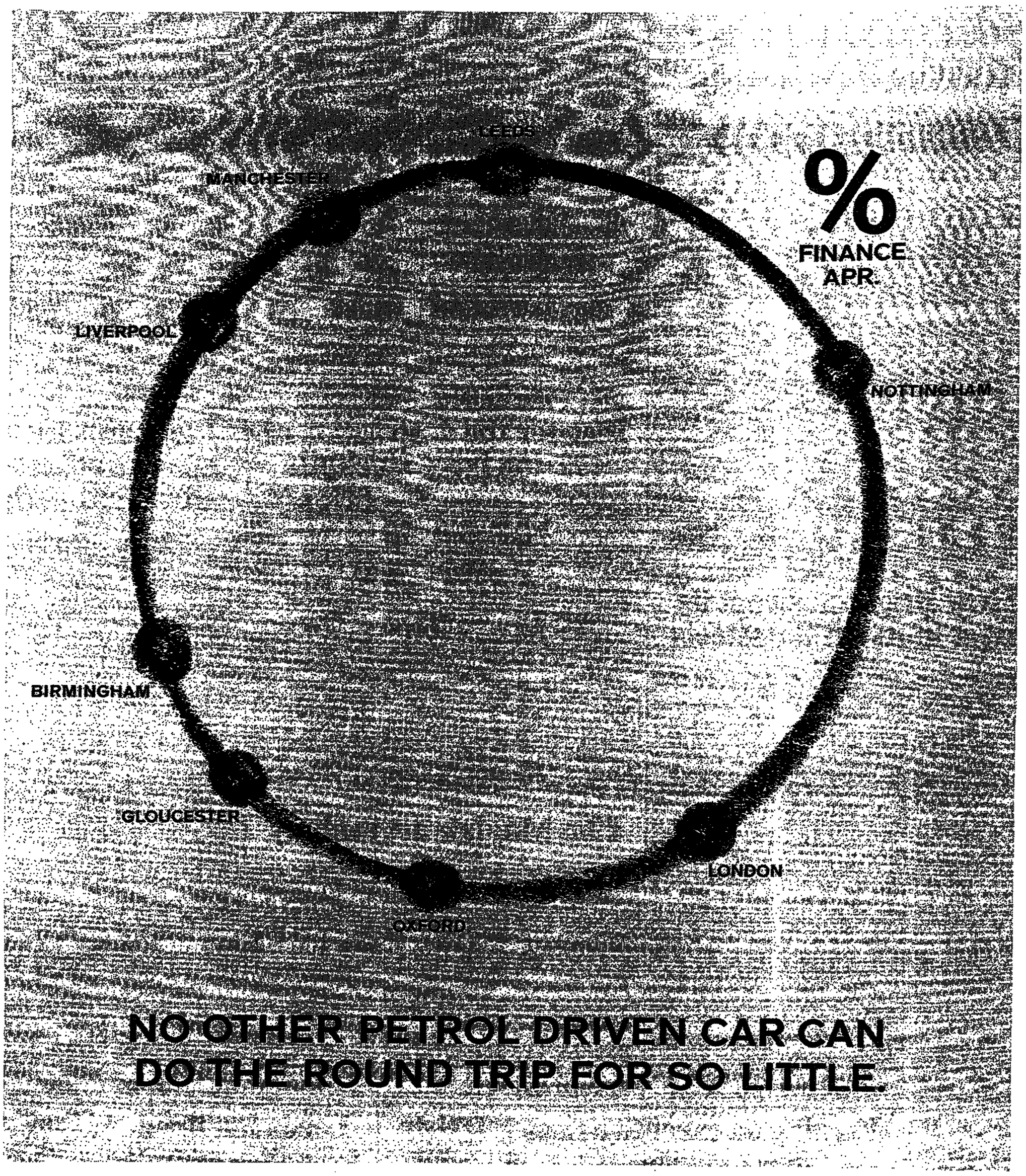
Towning, who works for the International Investment Corporation, told the court it was difficult to park in the square and from time to time residents moved each other's cars to make space.

On the night in question, he had popped into the house to get his car keys to move the Mercedes back for his neighbour to park in front of him.

Mr Nigel Widdowson, a shipping banker, said he had taken the Townings out to dinner that evening and drove them back to Wellington Square. He confirmed that Towning had only driven to make space for his car. "He backed his car up two to three feet," said Mr Widdowson. "There was nothing about his manner of driving which gave me cause for concern."

Towning's barrister Mr Adam Greenwood, cited case law to show that the circumstances amounted to special reasons not to disqualify because of the very short distance driven. There had been no other danger to other road users and no damage caused.

After the hearing, Towning said: "The purpose of the law surely is to penalize people who are driving around drunk, not people who are carrying out a short manoeuvre in perfectly safe circumstances to assist somebody else."



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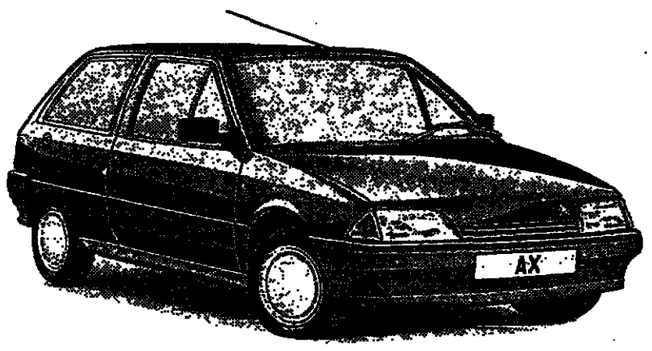

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Councils fight to reclaim water companies' assets

By Mark Souster

FIFTEEN councils that have issued writs against the newly-privatized water companies and their predecessor authorities, claiming compensation for the loss of an estimated £3.25 billion of assets, are confident their action will proceed in spite of the Treasury Solicitor's application for it to be struck out as being vexacious and frivolous.

That hearing begins at the High Court on Monday and is expected to last a week with judgement reserved. If the application fails, as the authorities expect, the full hearing will start early next year, barring any appeal. Mr John Kingston, of Travers Smith Braithwaite, solicitors for the plaintiffs said yesterday that the the case was unprecedented. The authorities were confidem they had a strong case but would appeal against an unfavourable ruling.

The authorities — which include Birmingham, Manchester and Sheffield — have issued 17 writs claiming either compensation for the loss of assets which belonged to them until 1974 when regional water authorities came into being. They argue that ownership of the assets was not transferred in 1974, merely their control, and that once no longer required for water or sewerage purposes, the proceeds of any sale should belong to the municipality that originally owned them.

If that argument fails, the authorities say it is only logical to assume that ownership was transferred and that local authorities are therefore entitled to compensation under the Land Clauses Act, 1845.

The Government insists that the 1974 Act transferred ownership as well as responsibility and that the water companies are not liable. The Department of the Environment refused to comment on speculation about possible compensation payments before the case reaches court.

The legal action originates from 1986 when water privatization was first mooted. It was dropped when the Government shelved the plan before the 1987 General Election, but was revived once the proposals were reactivated. To avoid postponing the industry's flotation, the Government gave the authorities open-ended indemnity; the Treasury Solicitor therefore took over the defence.

Manchester City Council alone is claiming almost £1.2 billion from North West Water Ltd and the North West Water Authority. Mrs Hazel Blears, the authority's principal solicitor, said yesterday that several commercial developments were planned in the Manchester area, including one whose details would be announced early next month. North West Water has also considered selling 7,000 acres of land in the Lake District formerly owned by the council.

Birmingham City Council is claiming £694 million, from the Welsh Water and Severn Trent and Kingston upon Hull, £226 million from Yorkshire.

The 15 authorities taking action are: Birmingham City Council, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, Epsom and Ewell District Council, Exeter City Council, Hastings Borough Council, Kingston-upon-Hull City Council, Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council; Manchester City Council, Newport Borough Council, Norwich City Council, Nottingham City Council, Sheffield City Council, Southampton City Council, Thamesdown Borough Council and Wolverhampton Metropolitan Council.

If the actions succeed, similar cases by most English and Welsh metropolitan and shire districts could follow.

Solicitors training proposals reworked

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

LAW Society proposals to overhaul the training of solicitors have been modified to meet widespread criticisms before they come before a special meeting of the society council for approval this month.

The proposals to replace the fact-based course with a shorter, skills-based legal practice course, have provoked intense criticism from bodies ranging from The College of Law to City firms of solicitors. There is particular opposition to scrapping the centrally-set finals examination and allowing academic institutions to set their own examinations.

Now the original options have been revamped. The Law Society training committee's revised consultation paper will outline safeguards to ensure national consistency and to control the standards of the final examinations.

The teaching and content of examinations would have to be approved by the Law Society. Special-authorization teams of law practitioners and academics would be attached to each institution running the new course, and they would be responsibile for monitoring standards, both of the examination itself, and of the students.

Instead of a 24-week course, the revised paper to come before the council meeting on May 17 will emphasize that the new course should be a minimum of 24 teaching weeks. That means that in many cases the course will still last a year, as at present. The College of Law had said the original proposal would reduce the training period by 35 to 40 per cent.

The shift in emphasis to a more skills-based course has been retained, but with some changes to ensure that more substantive law would be included in the course.

Finally, the target date for the changes to be put into effect has been put back from September next year to September, 1993.

Solicitors accept that the present course involves too much fact cramming; fails to teach skills needed in daily practice and is long, compared with other professions such as accountants. It also debars part-time study, as the course is available only on a full-time basis.

Critics of proposals for the new scheme, however, have argued they will lead to a lowering of standards.

After the vocational training course, the society proposes a revamped period of training in practice under a contract in place of the old "articles". Trainees, as they would be called instead of articled clerks, would serve some 18 months instead of the present two years.

The proposals for changing the training scheme have been put to the society council before when, after heated debate, they were sent back for re-working by a special committee.

Tory MPs 'dominate' Commons TV reports

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

CONSERVATIVE politicians are dominating televized coverage of the House of Commons while MPs in the minor parties appear rarely on screen, according to a study by Leeds University for the Commons.

Professor Jay Blumler, one of the authors of the study, attributed the trend to the confrontations faced by ministers since televising began last autumn. He said: "If we can think of a dominant or running central story throughout the period it has been a government under challenge and sometimes under threat. In such circumstances it would be natural for news people to be particularly interested in how people are responding to such a threat."

The report, commissioned by the Commons select committee on televising the proceedings, said: "Conservatives typically attracted more coverage than did Labour speakers. Parliamentary television was decidedly binary, paying relatively little attention to Liberal Democrat members and other party MPs."

The Conservative Party made 3,873 contributions which were broadcast compared to 2,838 for all the other parties put together. Tories also received more than 50 per cent of the broadcast time on most occasions when MPs appeared on a television news item. Labour, by comparison, received 35 per cent; Liberal Democrats 12.6 per cent; and Social Democrats 5.3 per cent.

However, backbench MPs' fears that they would be ignored by broadcasters have proved unfounded, the study said. Between a quarter and a third of "political actors" featured on national news programmes came from the backbenches with the percentage rising to an average of 60 per cent on the BBC's regional weekly programmes.

Among Labour's backbench stars are Mr Dennis Skinner and Mr Tony Banks. The authors say, however, that while they had noted Mr Edward Heath, Mr Michael Heseltine, Mr Nigel Lawson and Mr Norman Tebbit, four leading Conservatives, as being four backbenchers worth following, none of the four have featured prominently in news coverage.

Two backbench MPs who have proved unexpectedly popular with broadcasters are Mr Frank Haynes, Labour MP for Ashfield, and the Tory MP Sir Bernard Braine, father of the House. While the report praises broadcasters' portrayal of MPs at work, Professor Blumler said that it might be because Parliament has not yet sanctioned their permanent presence in the Chamber.

He said: "Broadcasters seem to have pulled out all the stops to do justice to the Commons. It is hard to find a single criteria on which their record and performance can be seriously faulted."

Their performance so far was open to two interpretations: either it was because the broadcasters could at last do the job they were best equipped to do; or they were on their "best behaviour" during the televizing experiment. "It will be important to see whether this kind of balanced record is sustained."

The admission of cameras to the Commons has "virtually eclipsed" televized coverage of the House of Lords, the study found. Lords' reports amounted to only one per cent of all Westminster news stories. However, Sky television is to launch a weekly programme devoted entirely to the work of the Lords.

The television companies reflected a broad spectrum of political views and topics, the report said. "Parliamentary television was nowhere merely a 'Neil and Maggie Show'. " Even in the national news programmes, where emphasis on the two leaders was heaviest, it reached at most 28 per cent of all parliamentary "actors" featured (in ITN's *News at Ten*), falling to 18 per cent in the BBC's *Nine O'Clock News*.

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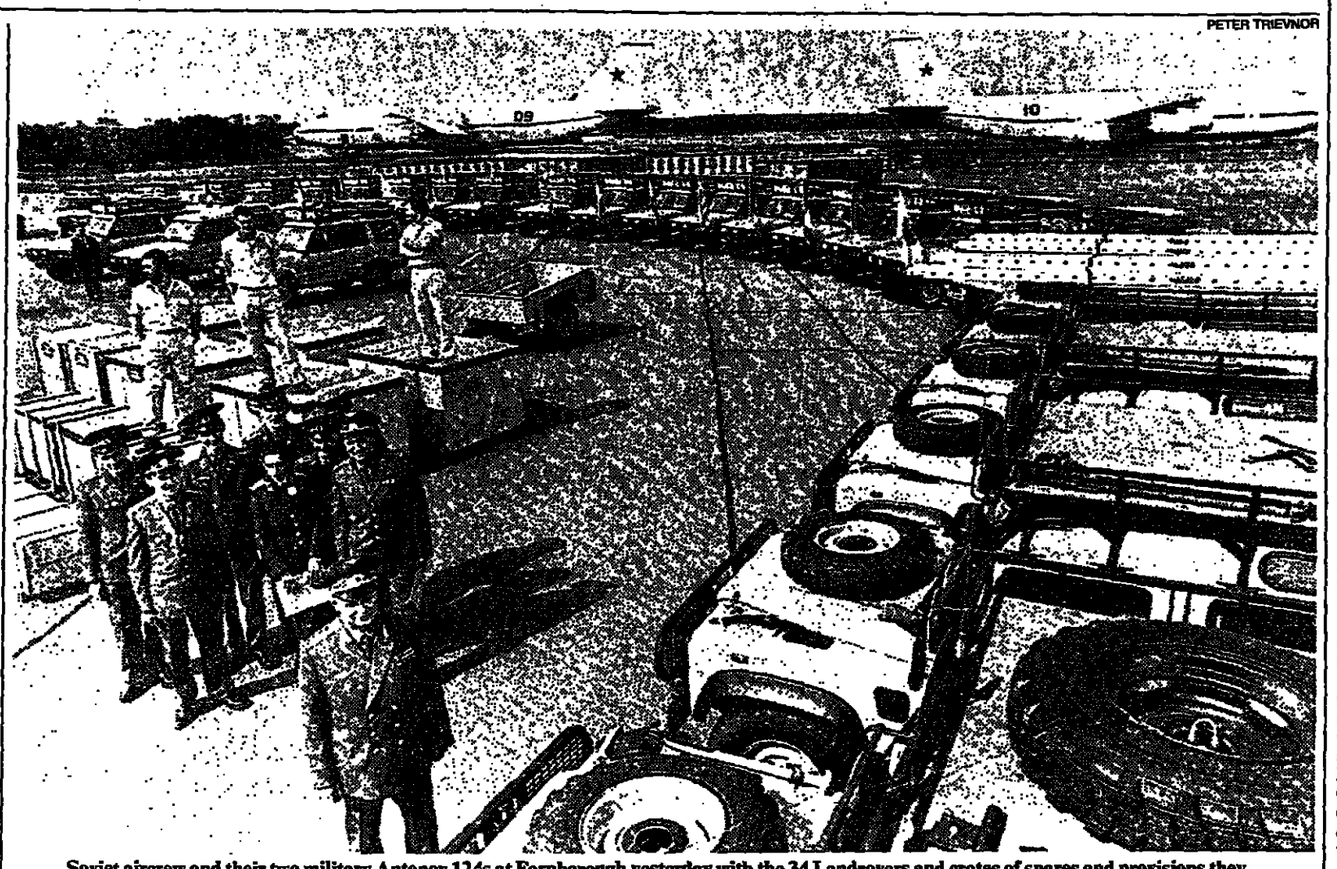

Soviet aircrew and their two military Antonov 124s at Farnborough yesterday with the 34 Landrovers and crates of spares and provisions they will fly to Siberia for the Camel Trophy, a 16-nation motoring event. It is the first time that Antonov 124s, the largest operational aircraft in the world, have visited Britain in military markings. The rally starts in Bratsk on June 6 and covers 1,000 miles of forest track

£50 blast seen as ideal way to eliminate tank surplus

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

THE Army demonstrated yesterday that when it comes to destroying tanks by "peaceful" means, it may have the perfect answer.

With about 4,000 Nato battle tanks to be assigned to the scrapheap under the proposed Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) treaty, Ministry of Defence researchers believe that a small concentration of special explosives planted inside a tank at certain spots will have the desired effect.

Yesterday, a Centurion tank was duly "rendered militarily useless" at a demonstration of the implosion method at the MoD's Proof and Experimental Range, at Shoeburyness, Essex.

Lt Col Billy Bowles, an explosives expert, said that a 50-ton tank could be damaged "beyond economical repair" by the British method for just £50. Charges were placed inside and outside the tank, between the hull and the turret and also beside the barrel. The destruction was "quick, cheap and tidy", an Army spokesman said.

One of the trickiest practical problems facing the 23 countries in the CFE negotiations is finding suitable ways of crippling a tank so that it can be shown to have no military use. The British method, which causes major structural damage to the hull and turret of a tank, but leaves enough for the scrap metal man, is to be demonstrated in a technical video to be shown to negotiators at the CFE talks in Vienna.

Cruise and Pershing missiles destroyed under the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty have mostly been cut up. However, tanks are designed for indestructibility.

An MoD official said: "Under the CFE agreement, we will have to be able to show that a certain number of tanks have been destroyed in a set period. It will be no good informing the Russians that we have delivered 100 tanks to a scrapyard to be dealt with at some later date."

A tank damaged by implosion could be sent for scrap, its scrap value maintained.

Under the CFE agreement, which both sides hope to sign later this year — although this is beginning to look less likely — Nato will have to destroy about 4,000 tanks to reduce its stock in Europe to the specified limit of 20,000. The Soviet Union will have to destroy about 40,000.

Other suggested means of tank "destruction" from negotiators have included burying them (a Western idea) and dumping them at sea (a Soviet Union suggestion seen as environmentally unfriendly). The East Germans estimate that it takes them 350 man hours to melt down a tank.

Ban on dumping explosives at sea

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

EXPLOSIVES will no longer be dumped at sea in Scotland, MPs were told yeterday after the discovery by fishermen of explosives and detonators.

Mr Ian Lang, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, said reports suggested that fisherman had lifted explosives up to 18 miles from the site of a dump at Birch Point in the Firth of Clyde, which had been used until last year by ICI's Nobel Division.

The company was the only holder of a licence to dispose of industrial waste at sea in Scotland, and that licence had not been renewed last August. Mr Lang said in his emergency statement to the Commons that dumping detonators at sea had been banned since 1984. He added that there was no evidence of any infringement of the stringent requirements laid down for the dumping of industrial waste, though he could not give a guarantee that no unauthorized dumping had taken place. Until a full investigation had been carried out, it would not be possible to say how the material had come to be outside the dump site, which was half a mile wide and 75 fathoms deep.

● Navy experts blew up four First World War bombs found at low tide on a busy beach at Calshot, Hampshire, yesterday. The British-made bombs are believed to have been washed up by rough seas in the January storms.

● A sunken stash of live ammunition has been found by a swimmer off Weymouth beach, Dorset. A team of divers from the bomb and mine disposal squad was called in to deal with more than 600 rounds of Second World War rifle ammunition, believed to have come from two sunken American destroyers.

Ex-boxing champion in court

Committal proceedings began yesterday against Terry Marsh, the former world welterweight boxing champion who is charged with attempting to murder Mr Frank Warren, his former manager.

Mr Marsh, of Basildon, Essex, who appeared at Barking Magistrates' Court, was also accused of possessing 10 rounds of ammunition without a firearms certificate. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Bad taste

Water supplies to as many as 50,000 people in Cornwall have been contaminated with chloramine, which tastes like disinfectant, because of algae at Stithians Reservoir, South West Water said, however, that it was safe to drink.

In the swim

Swimmers who compete in nude swimming galas are to be allowed to take part in events held under the name of the Amateur Swimming Association after pressure from the Central Council for British Naturism. They will have to wear costumes, however.

Horse ban

Steeplechasing at gymkhanas and fetes held on land owned by Derbyshire county council is to be banned to remove any danger to horses.

Falling short

M Didier Mazot, a French hang-glider pilot, was rescued by lifeboat after he ditched in the sea only 100 yards after jumping off cliffs at Folkestone, Kent, yesterday.

BT praises callers who fell into line

By Ray Clancy

BRITISH businesses passed the great London code change test yesterday with top marks. The first working day since the new dialling codes came into use produced no large-scale problems.

International callers also coped well with the changeover from 01 to 071 for central London and to 081 for outer areas. There had been worries that a quarter of businesses would not be ready for the biggest overhaul of London's dialling codes in 25 years, but British Telecom said it was delighted with the smooth changeover.

The volume of misdialled numbers varied from two to 20 per cent of the 20 million calls in the average working day. The British Telecom computer was never stretched to its top capacity of 50,000 recorded announcements a minute to tell people that they had dialled the wrong number. "Most businesses have taken the change in their stride. Even international calls have been okay," a spokesman for British Telecom said.

The Confederation of British Industry said that none of its members had reported any problems. Guardian Royal Exchange, one of the country's largest insurance and investment companies, which has contacts with 80 nations worldwide, said its four operators, who deal with an average of 4,000 calls a day, had had no problems: "It has been a non-event. The predicted chaos has not materialized."

During the £30 million, two-year operation to usher in the change, British Telecom alrted state telecommunication operators throughout the world to the change in codes.

Pop art sets £3.6m record

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

CHRISTIE'S achieved a record for pop art in New York when Roy Lichtenstein's "Kiss II" — an image of embrace lifted from a cartoon strip in 1962 — sold for $6 million (£3.6 million). It was bought by the Fuji Gallery of Japan on behalf of an industrialist named Mr Wanibuchi.

The sale included 10 records for individual artists, including Jean Dubuffet. His "Pèse Cheveu", from his Paris Circus series, sold for £3 million (double estimate). There were a number of casualties, however, fuelling fears that the racing contemporary market has slowed. Out of 77 lots, 26 went unsold.

The world's most expensive sculpture at auction looks likely to go abroad. The bronze "Dancing Faun" by the Dutch Mannerist Adrien de Vries, fetched £6.8 million at Sotheby's in London in December after it was discovered in a garden. It was saved from being offered at a minor sale when Miss Elizabeth Wilson, Sotheby's expert, spotted it in the catalogue. Mr Cyril Humphris, the London dealer, bought it then raised its value to £7.1 million and applied for an export license. He said yesterday that, after a two-month stop, Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, has promised a licence, as no museum buyers have come forward. He is considering taking the sculpture to the Tokyo 90 art fair.

"Kiss II", bought for a Japanese industrialist

Bunker Hunts sell art collections

By Our Art Market Correspondent

NELSON and William Herbert Bunker Hunt, the Texan brothers who saw their father's oil fortune vanish after their massive speculation into silver, were in London yesterday, promoting the sale of their art collections.

The hoard of ancient coins, Greek vases and ancient bronzes are expected to raise $20 million (£12 million) for the brothers who, in the words of one biographer, have overseen "the most monumental financial reversal in modern business history".

Nelson's collection includes 3,000 gold, silver and bronze coins spanning more than a thousand years of ancient history. One highlight is a denarius coin struck by Brutus to celebrate his assassination of Julius Caesar on March 15, 44 BC (estimate $25 to $40,000).

There is also a complete set of Athenian dekadrachms, the largest coinage at the time. One, contains a picture of the goddess Athena on one side, and her owl, denoting wisdom on the other.

One of only 20 known to exist, it is worth up to $500,000. The whole group is estimated at $2 million.

Mr Nelson Bunker Hunt says he amassed his collection in the 1970s, "because I like Greek and Roman history". It also happened to be around the time he was speculating in silver.

Initially the price shot up from $6 an ounce to $50 in less than a year. In the opening months of 1980, however the price began to slide.

By 1986 a total of 23 banks were trying to foreclose on the Hunt's remaining assets — oil, gas and property. Hunt also lost his famous stable of 500 thoroughbred horses.

After bankruptcy proceedings in December last year, Nelson Bunker Hunt was said to have been left with nothing but his home, two ageing cars and personal belongings. The family fortune was made by Harold Lafayette Hunt, the oil tycoon who died in 1975 worth an estimated $10 billion and said then to be "the richest man in the world".

A professional gambler nicknamed "Arkansas Slim", he started in oil by forming a partnership with a man called "Dad" Joiner, who discovered the field, and insisted afterwards that he had been cheated.

The Bunker Hunt collections will be dispersed in three sales, in June and December this year.

Building delay halts Royal College of Art expansion scheme

By Simon Tait
Arts Correpondent

THE expansion plans geared towards making the Royal College of Art Europe's premier design school have received a double setback, Mr Jocelyn Stevens, rector of the college, said yesterday.

He disclosed that the 42 students of the college's painting school would have nowhere to go after August 31, when they leave their accommodation in the Victoria and Albert Museum because building work on the new £14 million building that is to house the new studios has fallen behind, effectively by a whole academic year.

"We have searched and searched and have found nowhere. It's getting desperate. We asked the V&A for an extension of the original July 31 deadline and they gave us a month, no more." Mr Stevens said.

The studio space within the museum block on the other side of Exhibition Road in South Kensington, which has been occupied by the painters for more than a century, was ceded to the V&A in the 1970s and is urgently needed by the museum for office accommodation.

Mr Stevens also revealed that a £1.5 million plan to move the sculpture school and part of the film school to Clapham had been blocked by Lambeth council. The two schools presently occupy land in Queens Gate, south of the main college, which is to come into the ownership of the Science and Natural History Museums. The museums have their own development proposals for the land, and the RCA has guaranteed occupation only until July 1991.

An electrical factory costing £1 million and covering more than 40,000 acres in North Road, Clapham, has been selected as the ideal site for both the sculptors and a full-size location studio for the film school, but Lambeth council has so far refused to sanction the change of use from light industrial to educational. Another £500,000 would be needed for refurbishment and fitting out.

"We're still negotiating, but that is the council's position" said Mr Stevens. If negotiations are successful, however, the college is to launch its first appeal for many years to raise the £1.5 million.

When the £23 million development scheme, including the £14 million building programme, for the college in Jays Mews, South Kensington, was launched four years ago, it was planned to leave the sculpture school in the iron huts where had Henry Moore trained.

Last year, however, it became clear that the site, and that of the film school adjacent, would be required by the new owners once the museums took over the freehold from the Property Services Agency.

The timing of the painting school's move depended on the building schedule keeping up to date to match the V&A's requirements, but building, scheduled to be finished this summer, has fallen behind by 30 weeks, which effectively means the accommodation cannot be available in the 1990-91 academic year. Other departments will remain in their existing places of work.

Last year, the college introduced self-determined fees, the first university to do so, and this year they are to go up from £2,000 a year to £2,500, and £6,900 for foreign students. "We need to attain a level of excellence to attract students who are willing to pay our fees. They are going up by 25 per cent because, frankly, we need the money for improvements, but the money to move to Clapham will have to come from an appeal, initially to alumni of the school," Mr Stevens said.

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Ministers urged to reassess policy on sex-abuse offenders

By Tom Giles

THE Government was urged yesterday to set up an inter-departmental group to reassess policy on treating sexual offenders, and to consider alternatives to prison.

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust, in its report, *Working with the Sex Offender*, calls for a 13-point action programme to be implemented to tackle the "disturbing" increase in cases of sexual abuse. Under the programme, an official body, including ministers from the Home Office and the Department of Health, should be formed to "co-ordinate resources, action and construction of a cohesive policy, with centrally-administered control of funding".

The trust says priority should be given to the consistent treatment of offenders, both in and out of prison, with "radical alternatives" to prison for offenders to be examined. These include specialist prisons, residential institutions, community probation groups and family therapy units.

The report, which is based on the findings of a conference on sexual abuse in March involving social workers, police and government departments, also says research projects into abuse should begin as a matter of urgency.

Mrs Diana Lamplugh, a director of the trust, said at the launch of the report in London yesterday that she was "appalled" by the way convicted offenders were dealt with in some prisons.

She said that the disjointed approach to working with sex offenders had consistently failed to prevent them re-offending. The containment and separation of offenders in prison under Rule 43 should also be "re-assesed".

Mrs Lamplugh helped set up the trust to examine ways of preventing sex offences after her daughter, Suzy, aged 25, who worked for an estate agents in west London, disappeared in 1986. She is believed to have been abducted by a man posing as a prospective purchaser.

According to Mrs Lamplugh, a central, co-ordinating body could be set up with an initial investment of £500,000. "This is absolutely vital to go forward," she said. "It is no good each person working in isolation now. What everybody has to do is work together."

The report's programme for increased co-operation in examining the treatment of offenders was supported by police officers, psychologists and social workers. Commander Richard Monk, of New Scotland Yard's Obscene Publications Squad, said there was a need to change treatment because it appeared that sex offenders were "the biggest group of re-offenders in the criminal justice system".

There are at present 1,600 sexual offenders in prison, a five-fold increase on the number five years ago. Home Office crime figures for last year, released in March, showed a 16 per cent increase in rape cases on the previous year. Reported cases of gross indecency with children had risen from 900 to 1,300.

Mr Tony Hall, chairman of the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work, which funded the conference in March, said there was still not enough research being conducted on the treatment of sexual offenders. "There are frequent events, and rightly so, on the victims of sexual abuse," he said. "There are all to few which consider the treatment and the needs of the offenders themselves. Effective treatment of sex offenders is probably the most effective form of prevention."

In a contribution to the report, Mr John May, Governor of Dartmoor Prison, said: "The reality of Rule 43 in prisons is not something any of us are pleased about or proud of." He said that in Dartmoor, where one in four prisoners are sexual offenders, those segregated under Rule 43 had "very limited access" to therapy or any prison facilities.

● Police believe that a group of bogus social workers who call on families asking to examine their children might be responsible for another incident in Sheffield, the place where the incidents first began (Ruth Gledhill writes).

A couple called at flats in the city last Friday and asked to examine a boy aghed four. They left when the mother threatened to call the police. In another incident on Sunday, two men called at three houses in Nantwich, Cheshire, claiming to be social workers with instructions to examine children.

The series of incidents began in Sheffield on January 30 when two women posing as social workers examined two young children in front of their mother after asking them to undress. Several days later, one of the women returned, with a man, and said they had warrants to take the children into care. They left after the mother challenged their authority.

Since then, similar incidents have been reported in Rotherham, Barnsley, Halifax, Doncaster, Scunthorpe, Bradford, and Liversedge, West Yorkshire.

Mrs Lamplugh: Appalled at treatment of offenders

ALISTAIR GRANT

King of the road: a 315S Ferrari, one of a number of classic cars to be auctioned by Christie's before the Monaco Grand Prix later this month

Fishermen seek legal review on catch limits

By Kerry Gill

THE Government was facing the prospect last night of legal action being taken against it by Scottish fishermen's leaders over the recently introduced North Sea fish conservation rules.

The fishermen yesterday accused the Government of taking harsher measures than necessary to protect stocks and resolved to take their case to the Court of Session, Scotland's supreme civil court.

Mr Robert Allan, chief executive of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, emerged from talks with Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, yesterday to say that the meeting had ended in deadlock. His organization would seek a judicial review of the Government's conservation policies, which, he claimed, exceeded those demanded by the European Commission.

The Government has introduced a restriction on North Sea fishing that effectively offers fishermen two alternatives: they either cannot fish for more than nine days a month, or they must use a bigger-mesh net.

The Government has refused, however, to contemplate a decommissioning scheme, demanded by the fishermen, which would cut the size of the fleet and offer compensation to operators wanting to leave the industry.

Mr Allan said: "We believe that if you take away a man's right to go to sea, there is a fundamental question of compensation for that man and his crew. We want the fleet to be the right size to fish the stocks available to us. There has been no alteration in Mr Rifkind's position, so we have no alternative but to proceed with our petition for judicial review."

The Government had been all too ready to let the Scottish fleet grow virtually unchecked in the mid-1980s, but had now discarded any idea of decommissioning, which is employed by all EC nations with a fleet, apart from Britain and the Irish Republic. The federation wanted 200 boats taken from the fleet of some 2,000.

Mr Rifkind said: "A quarter of the way through the year, the value of fish landed has maintained a remarkable consistency with last year, although the volume has gone down. At the end of the day, a fisherman's income depends on the value of what he has landed. The evidence so far is immensely reassuring, not just from the Government's point of view, but from the point of view of the industry itself.

"It would be an absurd proposition to ask the public as a whole to pay compensation to one particular sector of the community where incomes have not declined over the past 12 months."

Mr Allan said that Mr Rifkind's fish-landing figures concealed important anomalies, such as that only 375 vessels caught 85 per cent of the fish because of their size and relative sophistication.

Donor plea after poll on kidneys

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

PEOPLE are more willing to have a life-saving transplant operation than to become an organ donor after they have died, according to an opinion poll published yesterday.

The British Kidney Patient Association, which commissioned the survey, attacked the "selfish society" which allowed about 1,200 people a year to die from renal failure. The Gallup poll shows that only 27 per cent of people have a kidney donor card, and only 7 per cent carry it, but 74 per cent would accept a transplant on medical advice.

Mrs Elizabeth Ward, who campaigned successfully for the introduction of the cards in 1971 and is founder and president of the association, called for the adoption of a policy to use the kidneys of anyone who had died unless they had stated their opposition to the scheme. The proposal, which would require a signature on a legal document to prevent removal of the organs after death was supported in the poll by only 13 per cent of the 982 people questioned.

"It is a depressing indictment on the selfishness of our society today that so many people would take a kidney but would not give one on their own death," Mrs Ward said. The survey shows, however, that 83 per cent of people would not object if the words "are you an organ donor" appeared on hospital admission forms.

About 3,850 patients were receiving dialysis treatment while waiting, sometimes for years, for a transplant, and about 100 of them died each month, she said.

RAF fund gets off to a flying start

THE television presenter Mr Raymond Baxter took to the skies in a Spitfire yesterday to launch the RAF Benevolent Fund's "Reach for the Sky" Appeal. The charity's Battle of Britain 50th anniversary campaign hopes to raise £20 million for needy past and present servicemen and women and their dependants.

The fund – which Churchill called "part of the conscience of the British nation" – has helped more than 750,000 beneficiaries since it was founded in 1919.

Mr Baxter, a former RAF fighter pilot, praised the charity when he touched down at RAF Northolt, north London, the oldest Battle of Britain stations still in operation today. "The Air Force is a big and ongoing family, and like all good families, it tries to take care of its own," he said.

He confessed to the thrill of the lifelong aviator as he sampled a Spitfire Ale, a new bitter from brewers Shepherd Neame, which will donate £10 to the appeal for every barrel sold. He said: "I have flown a number of aircraft in my time, but I have never got a kick on take-off that I again got in the Spitfire this morning."

Air Chief Marshall Sir Thomas Kennedy, controller of the fund, said the charity could face a deficit of some £35-36 million by the mid-1990s, as more veterans survived into their seventies and eighties. Events planned for the summer include auctions of wartime memorabilia held by Phillips at showrooms around the country.

At Old Woking, in Surrey, 20,000 oak trees will be planted, with the public encouraged to buy a commemorative plot. In June, a Battle of Britain Air Show will re-enact a Spitfire scramble, and in September, almost two million million balloons, representing the RAF personnel who served in the Second World War, will be released in an attempt to break the world record.

Wing Commander Bob Iveson, who spent two days trapped behind enemy lines after his aircraft was shot down in the Falklands, said the fund was a comfort to RAF personnel who left their family to go into combat.

He said: "However good the official organizations and the personal arrangements people make, there will always be those who fall through the net. Disaster comes in forms that cannot be anticipated.

Executive cleared of corruption

A MINING group chairman was cleared yesterday of trying to bribe a council chief with a trip to the US Masters golf tournament two years ago.

Mr Justice Buckley directed the Teesside Crown Court jury to acquit Mr Robert Young, aged 42, of Iveston, Co Durham, and Terry Hodgson, 42, a business consultant, of Leadgate, of corruptly giving the holiday to Tony Golightly, then chief executive of Chester-le-Street district council. Mr Golightly, aged 50, of Chester-le-Street, was cleared of corruptly receiving the holiday.

Mr Golightly left his job over the affair, and £10 million was wiped off the value of the share issue of Mr Young's company after his arrest.

Festival adopts Czech theme

By Kerry Gill

THE Edinburgh International Festival will be marked this year by the two predominant themes of Czechoslovakia and the Pacific, Mr Frank Dunlop, its director, announced yesterday in Edinburgh.

Both themes will last for two seasons and, this year, particular attention will be given to the Czech composer Bohuslav Martinu, one of the most prolific composers of this century.

The festival will also begin its two-year focus on the arts and culture of countries bordering the Pacific, including Korea, New Zealand, Japan, Australia and the western seaboard of America. Mr Dunlop said that the Pacific was now replacing the Atlantic as a world centre for economic and cultural developments.

One of the most popular productions in this year's festival, which runs from August 12 to September 2, is likely to be Mr Dunlop's stage adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*.

On the Czechoslovak theme, the festival will present the most comprehensive survey in Britain of Martinu's work. Among the companies performing it will be the Slovak National Opera and the Prague Symphony Orchestra. The pianist Rudolf Firkusny will also perform.

The festival, which will cost £3.5 million to stage, has attracted the Bolshoi Opera, which will make its British début with three operas, one at the festival and two in Glasgow as part of the city's year of cultural celebrations. At the festival, the Bolshoi will perform Prokofiev's *The Betrothal in a Monastery*.

The Cleveland San Jose Ballet, from the United States, will perform *Coppelia*, with Rudolf Nureyev as Dr Coppelius, the eccentric toymaker.

Kenneth Branagh's Renaissance Theatre Company will begin its final run of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *King Lear* in Edinburgh a week before the festival starts.

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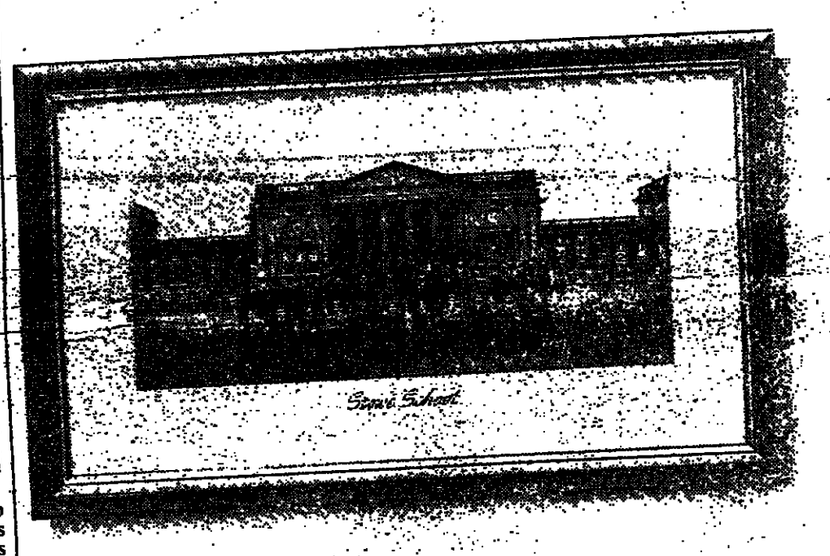

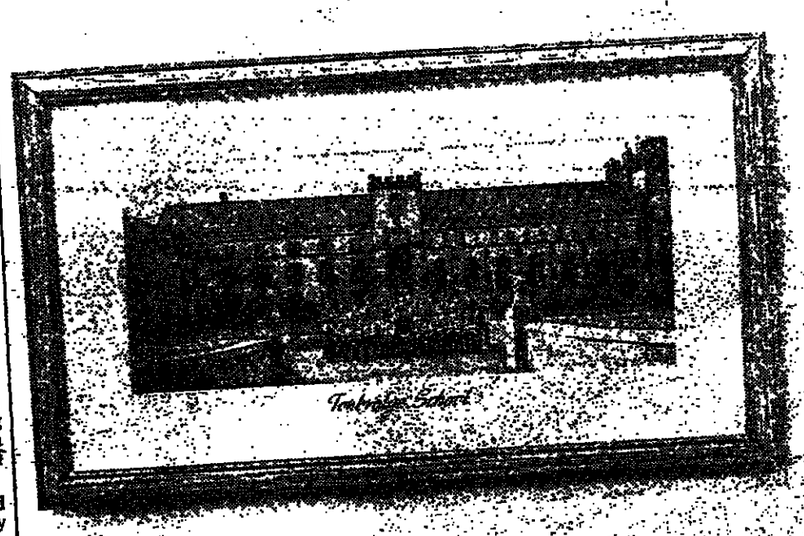

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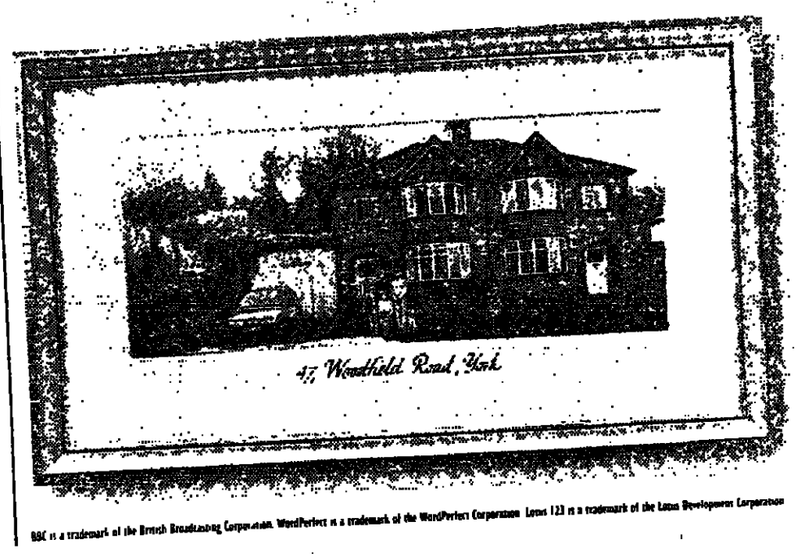

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Prison officers vote for industrial action at tense modern jail

PRISON officers at one of the country's newest and most secure maximum security jails have voted to take industrial action over staff shortages, their union said yesterday.

Members of the Prison Officers' Association at Full Sutton Prison, York, claim they are 34 officers short in a jail where tension among inmates threatened a full-scale riot.

In the past fortnight a wing of the jail has been cleared for fear of rioting. Eighty prisoners were sent to other jails, including Walton Prison, Liverpool, where members of the officers' association are also threatening action. Five hundred staff at Liverpool are refusing to accept disruptive inmates from other prisons.

The association said that the disputes were just two of many. Members at overcrowded jails in London were continuing to lock out new prisoners in a dispute over allowances. Members are scheduled to vote in a national ballot on action over staffing levels and overcrowding.

Mr Stuart Wilde, the associiion's secretary at Full Sutton, said staff were also unhappy that five remand prisoners transferred from Strangeways were being held at Full Sutton. One of the five, aged 20, was in the segregation wing with Rule 43 prisoners. Mr Wilde said: "Remand prisoners are innocent until proved guilty. I would suggest we should not have any remand prisoners at all in a maximum security prison. To have a 20-year-old locked up with Rule 43 prisoners is definitely wrong."

Full Sutton, opened in September 1987 to house 444 Category B long-term maximum security prisoners, is a model jail with *ensuite* toilet facilities in each single cell. There is no overcrowding.

Mr Grenville Lomax, chairman of the association's branch at Walton, said officers there had decided to continue working normally with the present prison population – 1,350 inmates in a jail with certified accommodation for 930. "We will take all prisoners from our catchment area but exclude purely those prisoners who are disruptive from other prisons and those sentenced from outside our catchment area."

He accused the Home Office of disregarding the problems the prison faced. The final straw had come a week ago when Liverpool received 20 long-term prisoners from Full Sutton.

The Home Office denied there was a staffing shortage at Full Sutton. Levels had been agreed and were being maintained, a spokesman said. Dispersal of Strangeways prisoners and others considered to be troublemakers was an "operational matter for the prison service".

The remand prisoner being held in the segregation unit at Full Sutton would be kept separate from Rule 43 inmates, he said.

● Two inmates from Gloucester Prison escaped yesterday when nine men being transported to Hereford attacked four officers escorting them. One guard suffered facial injuries. Mr John Allridge, the prison governor, said the escape had clearly been well planned. "The coach slowed down for some roadworks and the men rose up and attacked the officers," he said. Seven of the men, who were all handcuffed, were recaptured during the scuffle.

Both men were on remand on burglary charges and were on their way to appear at court. The incident happened at Fownhope, on the Ross-on-Wye to Hereford road.

Handicap boy walks tall after therapy

By Craig Seton

RICHARD and Helen Sanders have a video to treasure. Taken on Friday, it shows their son Howard, aged six, walking unaided for the first time and calling to his parents: "Look at me!"

Howard has cerebral palsy and began to walk first with sticks and then by himself after more than a year's intensive mobility therapy at the Birmingham Institute for Conductive Education. The institute uses the methods pioneered by the Peto Institute in Hungary where handicapped and brain damaged children are taught brain-limb co-ordination through a tough, but rewarding, régime of physiotherapy.

The Peto's methods are renowned worldwide and some of its teachers were among those who have helped Howard. Teachers from Birmingham are being trained in Hungary.

Mr Sanders, aged 38, a company director of Pattingham, Staffordshire, said yesterday that until Howard began to walk with the aid of sticks in January he was able only to crawl. "On Friday, we were all playing in the garden. Howard had been on the climbing frame with his younger sister Mackenzie when he suddenly said: 'Look at me'. Howard was walking totally unaided. We were flabbergasted."

Mr Sanders was using his new video camera and was able to record the "gift" of his son's first steps. Howard has since walked unaided for a short time each day and is becoming stronger.

Mr Sanders said that at one time the likely prospect was that Howard would either have to have surgery to help him walk or be confined to a wheelchair. However, Mr Sanders and his wife refused to consider the possibility of surgery, fearful that, if Howard began using a wheelchair, he would never have been able to give it up. Mr Sanders said: "The turning point was when he used the sticks to get around by himself. It changed our lives radically because he could go from one room to another without help. Now he has walked unaided. It is a wonderful gift."

ROBIN PALMER

'Look at me!': Howard taking some of his first steps, unaided, towards the outstretched arms of his father

Please help the children of Ceausescu.

The sight is sickening and terrifying. In crib after crib lie babies and toddlers who look like old people, their skin shrivelled, their skeletal faces bearing the unmistakable mark of approaching death. These pitiful children at a clinic in Bucharest are AIDS patients, the tiniest victims of the brutal, backward regime of Romania's fallen dictator, Nicolae Ceausescu.

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This is just one aspect of the gruesome legacy of Ceausescu's years of misrule.

Contraception, abortion and sex education were outlawed in Romania in a desperate attempt to boost the workforce.

It resulted in thousands of unwanted children, abandoned by parents who could see no way of supporting them in a country where food of any description was already dreadfully scarce.

Vast numbers of the children now crammed into Romania's 205 orphanages are the survivors of back street operations.

Many are severely handicapped and live in conditions of appalling squalor. Most pitiful of all among these tragic children are those under the age of six who number around 14,000 spread throughout sixty-four orphanages.

(It is estimated that one in four of these children is dying of AIDS.)

There is simply not enough food available to feed any of the children adequately and most suffer from severe malnutrition.

Standards of hygiene are pathetically low due to a lack of proper equipment and facilities.

There is a chronic shortage of staff. By day, there are just four or five nurses for every 100 children and only one doctor and one psychiatrist for every 150-200 children in the orphanages. By night, there are even fewer staff on duty.

Even the most basic essentials such as nappies and plastic sheeting are non-existent, so the children soil the rags they are dressed in and the mattresses of their cots are rotting.

The stench throughout these institutions is overpowering.

Dysentry is common and many of the children suffer from chronic bowel disorders.

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Code for farms using pesticides

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

A CODE of practice for the use of pesticides, claimed by ministers to be the most advanced in the world, was launched in Hyde Park, London, yesterday.

Environmentalists and trade unionists, however, doubted that it could be monitored or enforced properly because the present number of inspectors meant that some farms were visited only once every 28 years.

Mr David Maclean, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said the code set out "clear and concise" safety rules for pesticide use and "establishes a world lead in the provision of such guidance".

The 75-page code covers, among other things, user training and equipment, protection of wildlife, plants and public footpaths, prevention of spray drift, the correct disposal of chemical wastes and the keeping of accurate records of pesticide use.

The code is intended to give farmers and growers practical guidance on how to comply with the laws controlling pesticides and hazardous substances, breaches of which can result in unlimited fines.

The Health and Safety Executive has 160 inspectors who visit about 30,000 agricultural, forestry and horticultural premises a year. Mr John Summerscales, the executive's deputy chief agricultural inspector, said that since 1987, it had issued a thousand notices on farmers and others, and prosecuted in 50 cases.

There are about 300,000 registered farm, forestry and horticultural businesses in Britain, and Mr Peter Hurst, a former agricultural inspector who advises the Transport and General Workers' Union, estimated the executive would need another 100 inspectors to do its job properly.

Mr Peter Beaumont, a spokesman for the Pesticides Trust, a charity which monitors the effect of farm chemicals on health and the environment, called on the Government to join other countries in aiming to reduce pesticide use by 25 per cent. Their use has already fallen from 35,000 tonnes a year to 23,900 tonnes, since 1981, partly because of economic pressures and partly because new chemicals do not have to be used in such large amounts.

Mr Maclean: Code gives clear safety rules

Complaint on Thorpe story fails

THE Press Council yesterday rejected a complaint of press invasion of privacy at a hospital where Mr Jeremy Thorpe, the former Liberal leader, was a patient.

The complaint, by Mr Clive Wilkinson, chairman of Sandwell health authority, West Midlands, against the *Sandwell Express and Star* and Mr David Lawley, one of its reporter, claimed that Mr Lawley had invaded the privacy of Mr Thorpe, admitted to the Midland Centre for Neurosurgery and Neurology, Smethwick, last November, and that a misleading story based on supposition was printed.

The council found "no breach of journalistic ethics", but suggested talks between health authorities and the media on arrangements for inquiries about patients.

A report that Mr Thorpe, who has Parkinson's Disease, has been admitted and mention of the hospital's pioneering implantation of foetal brain cells let readers infer that he was being assessed or treated, it ruled. A complaint of staff being harassed probably arose from "irritation at persistent press inquiries".

Bramble the bunny joins health charity

BRAMBLE the rabbit joined the ranks of hospital visitors yesterday as the latest tonic for patients and for those in old people's homes.

He became the newest recruit to the Pets as Therapy charity, which takes the benefits of animal company to the sick and to elderly people under medical care. The charity has almost 5,000 dogs on its register, but Bramble, an 11-week-old white and brown Dutch breed, is its first rabbit. There are plans to enlist cats.

The charity's founder, Mrs Lesley Scott-Ordish, said: "Doctors have searched far and wide for a tonic to prescribe to patients that has no side effects, that people enjoy taking and that makes them laugh. Thank goodness they are now prescribing pets as therapy. The animals have the beneficial power of health."

Pets as Therapy, set up by the ProDogs charity, was yesterday launched as a charity in its own right. Appealing for volunteers at a press conference, Mrs Scott-Ordish said: "We have the greatest difficulty in keeping pace with demand." Also launched yesterday was an award scheme by Pedigree Pet Foods for the best teams of owners and pets in the scheme.

● At the House of Commons yesterday, Offa, the guide dog to Mr David Blunkett, Labour MP for Sheffield, Brightside, met Spot, who is about to be trained as a guide dog, financed by Eric Hill, the author of the Spot books for children.

Mr Hill's creation is celebrating its 10th anniversary, the publishers were launching an appeal for bookshops and Spot readers to raise funds for guide dogs. Mr Hill has paid £2,000 to train two.

Mr Blunkett, whose dog sits with him in the Commons chamber, said: "The thrust of guide dogs is to provide independence and dignity."

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Power to impose match bans will be considered

NEW regulations to give police the power to veto football matches would have to be considered after the serious disorder at last Saturday's Bournemouth-Leeds United game, Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, told the Commons yesterday.

He said that in the past few years the courts had been given new powers to deal with hooliganism — the power to impose exclusion orders under the Public Order Act and to impose restriction orders under the Football Spectators' Act. The courts were certainly not without the powers to deal with football hooligans.

"I do not rule out the possibility of going further, and the Chief Constable of Dorset has asked the Association of Chief Police Officers to raise the question of a police veto on such matches. Consideration there must be. But any new powers would take time to put in place.

"I am determined that the football authorities should be made to face their responsibility to prevent any repetition of the deplorable scenes of the Bank holiday weekend."

He had asked for a full report from the Chief Constable of Dorset, from whom he understood that there had been a high level of disorder in the town over the entire weekend, mainly involving Leeds supporters.

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The scenes of violent disorder in Bournemouth were disgraceful and he extended his sympathy to all the police officers injured and to all the law-abiding people who had suffered because of the behaviour of "vicious hooligans".

Once again the police had borne the brunt of a ferocious attack and had conducted themselves with courage and professionalism.

Bournemouth police had anticipated serious disorder, and repeated requests had been made to the football authorities to re-schedule the fixture. The first request had been made as long ago as June last year.

"It is for the football authorities to explain why they did not respond positively to those requests. I have called in both the Football League and the Football Association to discuss the matter." He would see the league later today.

"It is high time that the football authorities heeded rather than ignored sensible advice." There was a clear need for the football authorities to work out urgently with chief constables a sensible understanding on handling football fixtures with a high risk of trouble.

Mr David Atkinson (Bournemouth East, C), who had asked a private notice question about the disorder, said that to have held this match on the Bank holiday weekend had been "a recipe for disaster, destruction and violence".

Mr Waddington said that reports so far on the experimental by-laws were to the effect that they had been "very popular" with the people in those towns. On the damage done, the law provided that the county council or the police authority had to pay if the Riot Damages Act applied. The question was: Had there been a riot within the meaning of the public Order Act when the damage was done?

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab), a former Home Secretary, asked Mr Waddington to consider publishing the names of the 104 people charged of sentenced because many were not from Leeds.

Of course, the Football League had made a mistake; but there was something deeper than that. He did not know the answer but hoped that there would not not be any "pussy-footing" on this disgraceful matter. "It is not just banning matches. There is something fundamentally wrong that we should all be putting our minds to."

Mr Waddington said that he did not doubt that the Bournemouth press would publish the names of those involved and that they would also be "published loudly" in Leeds.

He added later that under the Public Order Act there was power for chief constables to impose conditions on assemblies as to the number of people who could attend and as to the time at which they took place. "But there is no law to ban an assembly absolutely." That had been considered by MPs when the Public Order Bill went through the House but it was thought that such powers were not necessary.

Mr Michael Shersby (Uxbridge, C), parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation, wanted Mr Waddington to consider the request of the chief constable for new powers to ban matches in these circumstances. Would he look at the need also to make it a criminal offence to try to enter an all-ticket match without a ticket?

Mr Waddington said he was not quite sure that the last suggestion had much bearing on his matter. On new powers, any new legislation would take time to put on the statute book.

Mr Denis Howell, Opposition spokesman on sport, said that the House had spent a year on a Football Spectators Bill, and Mr Waddington today had confirmed that it had been ineffective, as the Opposition had predicted. This was a matter of criminality and public order, and the responsibility for criminal behaviour lay with the Home Office, though the league had to accept its responsibilities.

Mr Waddington should ask the Minister for Sport (Mr Colin Moynihan) if he was going to draw to the attention of Uefa that there had been terrible violence in The Netherlands Germany, Italy and other countries.

Mr Waddington said that, whatever happened in any other country, the scenes over the years in Britain had brought disgrace.and people should not try to find excuses in bad behaviour in other countries.

Parents 'favour the new schools'

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PARENTS of children at 66 of 88 schools balloted had voted in favour of proceeding with applications for grant-maintained status, **Mr John MacGregor,** Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during Commons questions.

He said that he had approved 37 of the 48 proposals sent to him for a decision.

Mr David Amess (Basildon, C) condemned as irresponsible any local education authority trying to "rubbish" ballots of parents.

Mr MacGregor declared himself a strong supporter of the grant-maintained policy. It had the advantage of quick decision-taking, and schools and governing bodies had control over their own affairs. Another advantage was that the scheme greatly improved school morale.

Above all, it was popular with parents, as shown by the big increase in numbers favouring the system.

Mr Robert Dunn (Dartford, C), a former Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, said that if Labour had its way, grant-maintained provision under the Education Act, 1988, would be abolished.

Mr MacGregor agreed.

In answer to another question, **Mrs Angela Rumbold,** Minister of State for Education and Science, said that Labour MPs, many of whom were educated at direct grant or grammar schools, were anxious to kick away that ladder of opportunity for others. Now they proposed to kick away the assisted places scheme, but it was successful. Another 16 schools had been admitted to the assisted places scheme that day.

● Proposals by some teacher unions to strike were roundly condemned in the Comons by Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education Science.

He said: "It can only damage children's education, will serve no useful purpose and diminish teachers' standing in the eyes of parents and of the public as a whole. For these reasons I believe that many teachers regard such action as undesirable and unacceptable."

Mr Timothy Janman (Thurrock, C) said that strike action in some teacher unions was being led by members of Militant and the hard left. Was it appropriate for such people to be teaching?

Mr MacGregor replied that the reaction of many parents when observing the actions of some teachers in the unions was to say that they did not wish their children to be taught by such people. "But the vast majority of teachers are not like that."

Lords defeat for ministers on care cash

THE Government was defeated in the Lords over its plans not to reserve funds for local authorities specifically for community care.

By 127 votes to 119 — a majority of 8 — peers passed a new clause calling for the "ring-fencing" or identification of grant solely to provide community care services.

It was moved, when the committee stage of the National Health Service and Community Care Bill resumed, by **Lord Allen of Abbeydale** (Ind), who said that, as the Bill stood, there were risks of its admirable ambitions going sadly wrong.

He foresaw the prospect of a scramble between claims in the queue for allocations from local authorities' limited resources.

He told peers that he had been "deluged" with representations in support of the new clause. There was undoubtedly much concern.

It obliged the Government to state how much money was to be made available for community care through the revenue support grant and to enable Parliament to debate each year the level and adequacy of central funding.

"It would ensure that the money intended for the most vulnerable people would reach its destination."

Lord Carter, for the Opposition, supported the clause. There must, he said, be a specific proportion of central funding reserved for community care.

Support was also forthcoming from **Lady Faithfull** (C), who said that they would lose the confidence of the public if community care was set back because of lack of money.

"If local authorities, and social services in particular, do not know exactly how much money they are going to have, it is going to be difficult (for them) to prepare their estimates."

She described how, as a director of social services, she had had to cut back her work after preparing her budget because some "great thing" had occured elsewhere in the city council. "Unless there is money specifically allocated to community care, this will inevitably happen in some areas."

Lady Carnegy of Lour (C) argued against the new clause. "People mind very much about community care. It is a very, very emotive issue and it is as much as a councillor's life is worth not to spend adequately on social work."

This area of local government should be most carefully run on pragmatic grounds. But she feared that, if the clause were passed, it would become very much more highly politicized.

Lord Kilmarnock (SDP) said that the Government was already contemplating ring-fencing funds for the mentally ill. Therefore, it could not possibly argue against ring-fencing in principle.

Lady Young (C) opposed the the proposal which, she said, was "like asking for a blank cheque". At the end of the day, it was not going to help those most in need.

Lord Henley, Under Secretary of State, Social Security, said that the best way to deal with this was through the revenue support grant.

● Later, the Government suffered a second defeat when peers voted by 114 votes to 113 — majority against 1 — for a new clause calling for the community care proposals to be subject to an Order by the Secretary of State after consultation with local authorities, users and carers.

Think tank offers development plan

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

LIMITED companies should be set up in the regions of Britain to spearhead economic development, a leading left-wing think tank proposed yesterday.

The Institute for Public Policy Research proposed that Whitehall should stop trying to direct regional policy from the centre and instead allow the establishment of regional development companies to negotiate regional funds from the Government and the European Community.

A report by one of the institute's research fellows, Ms Irene Brunskill, said that the companies could be set up as public interest companies under present company law, with the leading players in the local economy, councils, the private sector and providers of education and training, all holding shares.

It stated: "Giving regions the responsibility for regional policy has been successful in West Germany and other European countries. It can work in Britain too."

The institute said that the companies would be self-generating, in that they would depend on different sectors of the community coming together to set them up. Member organizations would appoint the board, which in turn would appoint the management and ensure that the right mixture of skills was represented.

The institute estimated that the Department of Trade and Industry, the Department of Education and Science and the Department of the Environment spent £3.2 billion at present on programmes that could be managed at regional level.

It argued that the funding for economic development should be increased over the next few years and allocated to the new companies, which would also be able to apply for European Community regional grants.

They would be given names such as North East plc. They would have a regional base and a degree of regional accountability, but ultimate accountability would be to the main funders — central government and the European Community — which would assess their performance.

The report said: "Government should give the regions the tools to get on with the job in the way that suits them best".

The Regeneration Game: A Regional Approach to Regional Policy (IPPR, 18 Buckingham Gate SW1; £7.50).

Technology teams for the regions

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

A SERIES of regionally based teams should be set up to ensure that British business can exploit new scientific and technological ideas as part of efforts to improve the nation's industrial success.

The "technology" teams would be based on the present Department of Trade and Industry network and would aim to overcome Britain's poor performance in using new industrial techniques, according to a report published yesterday.

The teams would assess the potential for transferring and spreading research within their regions to business and they would assist small manufacturing firms to create strategies for using new technology.

A report by the Institute for Public Policy Research said that too many British ideas were turned into profitable products overseas despite our scientists and inventors being among the best in the world.

"The take-up of inventions in Britain is slow and haphzard. In other countries, government

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plays a key role in helping small firms to exploit scientific research. But the British Government's system for technology transfer is no system at all: it is a mess", the report said.

Based on a system operating in Denmark, the technology teams would help to correct market failures by assisting businesses to exploit technological change and by alerting small companies to useful innovations.

The report, written by David Miliband, said that the teams were needed because product and process innovations do not spread quickly through the British economy and that small and medium-size firms could benefit from government help.

"A public infrastructure for regional economic development would provide an important boost to technological take-up, and demonstrate how government intervention in a particular economic development can profitably reorder market priorities", he said.

Inflation attack by Kinnock

THE Prime Minister was the inflation-maker in chief, Mr Kinnock said during a noisy exchange at question time. He urged her to get inflation down by reducing interest rates and she retorted that pursuing those policies would take inflation back to Labour levels of 26 per cent.

Mr Kinnock: Can she tell us why, under her Government, the inflation rate in Britain is 40 per cent higher than the European average?

Mrs Thatcher: Our top responsibility is to get inflation down.

A Labour MP: You are losing.

Mrs Thatcher: The way to get down inflation is to increase the price of money and that is why interest rate is 15 per cent. One reason for inflation being higher than it should be is that we were fearful of a very bad recession after the stock exchange crash of 1987 and we reflated a little too quickly. That is why we have to squeeze out inflation.

Mr Kinnock: The main danger of recession comes directly from her policy of maintaining the highest interest and mortgage rates anywhere in the developed world. The main single reason for inflation is her policy of high interest rates.

Mrs Thatcher: Is he suggesting that we reduce inflation by reducing interest rates and increasing growth? She added that that would take inflation to the level experienced under Labour.

Welcome for European fighter contract

THE award of the £300 million radar contract for the European Fighter Aircraft to a European consortium led by GEC Ferranti Defence Systems was given an enthusiastic welcome by Labour as well as Conservative MPs when it was announced in the Commons yesterday.

The EFA partner nations, Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain had selected the consortium, known as Euroradar, to develop the ECR 90 radar system.

Mr Martin O'Neill, chief Opposition spokesman on defence, emphasized Labour's commitment to the fighter project now and in the future.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence, admitted that the financial difficulties of Ferranti had placed the the project in jeopardy and only a few months ago prospects had looked "very bleak indeed".

The announcement represented "a major milestone for British airborne radar technology in this most important multinational development project".

Mr O'Neill asked what were the technical, financial and commercial problems which had been resolved. Was it true that the Government had signed a memorandum of understanding with the West Germans, indemnifying the West Germans against loses? Was there anything in the Luftwaffe suggestion that the European Fighter Aircraft could have a more defensive role? The agree-

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ment removed the last obstacle from the realization of the European Fighter Aircraft project which was so important to the defence of Europe.

Mr King said the contract would be of great benefit to those who worked for the old Ferranti radar system.

Ninety-five per cent of the British share of the work would be done at Ferranti in Edinburgh.

There was no memorandum with the West Germans, but there was a "side letter" which the Government had given to the West Germans. This gave assurances that any extra costs

which might be incurred by the German company responsible for the integration of the radar would be met by a back-to-back indemnity from GEC Ferranti Defence Systems.

Paying tribute to those who had helped to secure the contract, he said that at one time the commercial difficulties of Ferranti had threatened to jeopardize the whole project and it was encouraging that other companies had stepped in to see the scheme could go ahead.

Mr Menzies Campbell, Liberal Democrat spokesman on defence, welcomed the agreement, but asked if there were any circumstances in which the British Government would become liable for losses. What happened if a new West German government withdrew from the fighter project?

Mr King said there would be no cost to the British Government. It believed the radar was the best for the purpose.

Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh East, Lab) said the contract was of enormous importance to British industry and technology and to the pilots who would fly the new aircraft. The minister was providing the basis for thousands of jobs in the next century.

Mr King said later that the contract would be shared four ways, with Britain and West Germany each receiving a third, Italy 21 per cent and Spain 12 per cent. The British share represented £100 million for GEC Ferranti.

Bill on euthanasia rejected

A move to introduce a Bill to allow voluntary euthanasia was rejected in the Commons by 101 votes to 35. Seeking leave to introduce the Voluntary Euthanasia Bill, **Mr Roland Boyes** (Houghton and Washington, Lab) said that he had been present when his mother had died of cancer, and was released from her pain. He did not want his family to endure, in his case, the experience that he had had when his mother died.

He was opposed by **Mr Anthony Nelson** (Chichester, C), who said that the Bill would materially undermine the sanctity of life.

UKAE chiefs appointed

Dr Brian Eyre, a full-time member of the UK Atomic Energy Authority, has been appointed chief executive and deputy chairman, Mr John Wakeham, Secretary of State for Energy, said in a Commons written reply.

He said that Dr Eyre's appointment to the authority, which was due to end on July 31, 1992, would now expire on April 30, 1995.

He also announced that he had appointed Mr John Maltby as part-time chairman of the authority from July 1 in succession to Mr John Collier. The appointment is for three years.

Flexibility for Welsh TV

The Welsh television channel, S4C, is to be given more flexibility to show programmes from Channel 4. Proposing a government new clause to the Broadcasting Bill when its report stage began in the Commons, **Mr David Mellor,** Minister of State, Home Office, said that that and other amendments relating to the Welsh channel were the result of undertakings to the Opposition during committee stage of the Bill.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Broadcasting Bill, continuation of report stage.
Lords (2.30): Debates on environmental waste and on complementary medicine.

Riot costs disputed

MINISTERS resisted pressure in the Lords to meet the full cost of policing the riot at Strangeways prison in Manchester.

Earl Ferrers, Minister of State, Home Office, told peers that an estimated £500,000 had been spent in containing the perimeter during the first 10 days of the disturbance, but it was not yet possible to give a final figure.

He said that the Government already provided much towards the cost of policing. Additional funds were paid only when the circumstances were exceptional and unforeseen and on such a scale as to threaten the efficiency of the force.

The Bishop of Manchester, the Right Rev Stanley Booth-Clibborn, said it would be unjust if the community charge payers had to incur the burden.

Search for dumped explosives

A RESEARCH vessel is to make an underwater survey of the Firth of Clyde to establish the extent of explosive material and detonators dumped on the sea bed there over the past 50 years, **Mr Ian Lang,** Minister of State for Scotland, told the Commons in a statement yesterday.

He told the House: "Fishermen working in the Firth of Clyde have recovered a quantity of explosive material and detonators in their nets. It is believed that these items may be associated with the dump site at Birch Point used until last year by ICI's Nobel Division for the disposal of explosives waste.

"The fishermen claim that the material was recovered outwith the limits of the dump site. The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland has advised fishermen of the steps to be taken should they find explosive material in their nets and instructed them to report the precise location of the incident in order that further investigations can be made.

"A department research vessel will reach the area as soon as possible to establish the situation through underwater surveys.

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Until these surveys are completed, it is not possible to offer an informed opinion as to how the material has come to be located outwith the dump site.

The dump site has been used for many years. It is clearly identified on the Admiralty navigation charts as an explosives dump site and fishermen are well aware of its existence and position and how it has to be avoided.

Disposal operations at the site have been strictly controlled and monitored by the department since 1974 under the Dumping at Sea Act and more recently under the Food and Environment Protection Act, 1985. Regular surveys have been carried out by the department to establish accuracy of dumping and the effects on the marine environment.

"ICI's Nobel Division were the only holders of a licence to dispose of industrial waste at sea in Scotland. Their licence expired in August 1989 and was not renewed. This was in line with the decision of the Second North Sea Conference in 1987 to terminate the dumping of industrial waste at sea by the end of 1989. The disposal of detonators at sea has been prohibited since 1984.

The Clyde Fishermen's Association and the Scottish Fishermen's Federation have been advised of the situation. The advice given to fishermen by the department is that any explosive material found in nets should be returned immediately to the sea and the position marked with a bouy for further investigation and recovery as necessary by the relevant authorities.

Mr George Foulkes (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, Lab) said that fishermen believed that the explosives covered hundreds of square miles of the Firth of Clyde.

The area was used not just by fishermen, but also by ferries and pleasure craft. Dumping should be stopped at once.

Mr Lang said that some material had been found 18 miles from the dumping site which was a narrow one, half a mile across and 75 fathoms deep. Fishermen had been advised to keep clear of the area.

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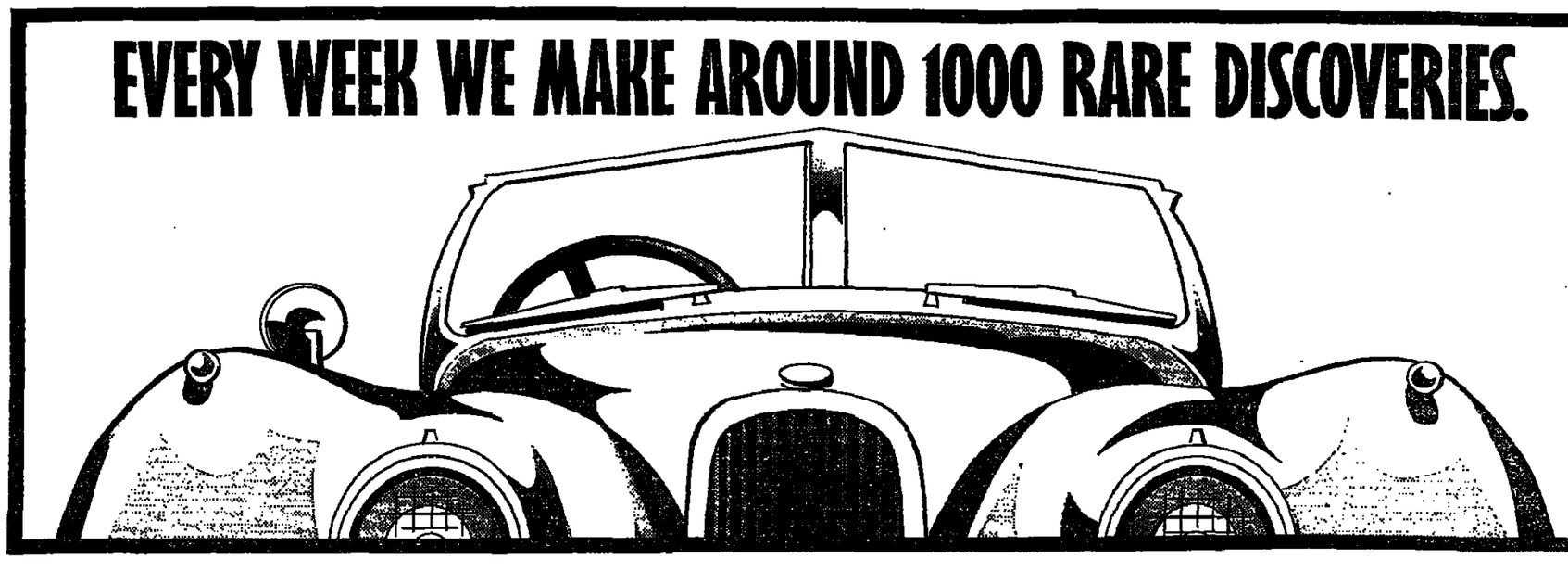

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Gorbachov sets terms for German unification

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

PRESIDENT Gorbachov yesterday set out Moscow's conditions for supporting German unity at a ceremony dedicated to the memory of those Soviet citizens who died in the war against the last united Germany.

In an otherwise measured and low-key speech, he included an impassioned attack on his opponents among the military at home by comparing their aims and methods with those of German fascism. He also condemned Stalin for disregarding all the signs of the impending German invasion in 1940 and 1941 and blamed him for the catastrophic Soviet casualties of 1941-2.

The Soviet leader was addressing an appreciative audience stuffed with marshals and generals in full dress uniform, who had assembled in the Bolshoi Theatre to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

The grandest ceremony will take place today, Victory Day, with a military parade through Red Square.

On the future of Germany and Europe, Mr Gorbachov stressed that the post-war settlement at Yalta had set down two fundamental principles: that the victors would not allow war to arise from German soil or from anywhere else in Europe ever again, and that post-war borders should be inviolable. Stressing that these principles should continue to be respected, the Soviet leader said a united Germany should become "one of the pillars of the European process".

Unification, he said, should not threaten any country's security interests — including those of the Soviet Union. Agreement on German unification should provide certainty that only peace would rise from German soil, that it would define the united Germany's military status, and it would guarantee the permanence of the post-war borders.

He stopped short of stipulating, however, that a united Germany should not be a member of Nato. He described one of the main achievements of the wartime alliance as demonstrating that East and West need not be in confrontation. And in a message for his generals, he pledged that the country would be guaranteed effective defences, but that the watchword would be quality first and foremost at the lowest possible cost.

In his only, oblique, reference to the declarations of independence by the Baltic states, the Soviet leader condemned any encroachments on the integrity of the Soviet Union.

Calling for Soviet citizens to show the same sense of solidarity they showed during the war, Mr Gorbachov condemned those who used "social demagogy" and the "cult of the strong man" and exploited "social injustices" and the "threat of unemployment" to unite people discontented with their lot. While his criticisms purported to be directed against fascism, he has attacked his own political opponents (like the radical Mr Boris Yeltsin and nationalist leaders) in almost identical terms and was clearly intending his audience to draw the parallel.

Elsewhere in his address, Mr Gorbachov condemned the trials of 1937-8 — which he described as "show trials" and acknowledged that the country had lost many of its best officers — up to 100,000 of them — in the repressions of those years. He also placed the blame for the Soviet Union's heavy losses in the first year of the war firmly on Stalin.

He had been warned repeatedly both of German preparations to invade and of the Soviet Union's poor state of readiness, Mr Gorbachov said, but he chose to ignore the warnings.

Mr Gorbachov was followed by several other military and civilian speakers. The only speaker who caught the audience's imagination, however, was Mr Yevgeni Gerasimov, a theatre director, who tentatively suggested that the money collected for a huge victory monument in Moscow might be better spent on improving the living standards of veterans.

A woman trying to gain the Pope's attention in Veracruz, the Gulf of Mexico, pulls at his cassock. Yesterday he repeated a warning to Catholics not to be lured to Protestant sects which are growing in Latin America

Heavy losses for Communists in Italian elections

Rome

THE Communist Party in Italy, reeling from the impact of democratic change in Eastern Europe, has suffered one of its worst defeats in nationwide local elections.

Maverick protest groups based in the north, which want greater autonomy from Rome and claim the country is being dragged back by the poor south, made shock gains. The result in regional, provincial and city polls further reduced the chances of a left-wing alternative in Italy and was likely to force the five parties in the squabbling coalition Government to stick together.

Only 24 per cent of voters in the regional polls on Sunday and Monday supported the West's biggest Communist party, caught in the midst of a painful transformation.

The result for the Communists was more than four points down on their showing in European elections last year and 6 per cent down on previous regional elections in 1985. They remained the second biggest party, behind the majority Christian Democrats who lead the Government. The Christian Democrats took 33.4 per cent, about one point up on the European poll and 1.6 percentage points behind their 1985 standing.

The Socialists of Signor Bettino Craxi, the former Prime Minister, who are the second biggest party in the Government, were the only conventional group to make gains over the previous regional elections, polling 15.3 per cent compared with 13.3 per cent in 1985.

The Communists, in steady decline since 1984, have supported the plan of Signor Achille Occhetto, their leader, to transform the party into a new social democrat movement, dropping the hammer and sickle symbol and the Communist name. The election setback led his hardline and traditionalist opponents in the party to call for a halt to the transformation process.

Signor Occhetto said the party's share of votes had remained above the 23 per cent which he had set as the lowest acceptable level and he vowed to push ahead with reform.

The biggest shock was a swell in support for four "leagues" in the prosperous north which have campaigned against the traditional parties, demanding autonomy from control by Rome and tight regulation of immigration.

The leagues claim that the dynamic north is being held back by the poor south and parasitic bureaucrats in the capital. They have been accused of racism against southern Italians.

Albanians seek role in talks

Vienna — Albania announced yesterday that it wanted to join the East-West Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE), a further move away from its legacy of isolation.

The announcement was made in a speech to parliament by the Prime Minister, Mr Adil Carcani, who also gave details of what he said were radical changes to Albania's centrally planned economy.

Last month, the Albanian leader, Mr Ramiz Alia, declared his readiness to establish diplomatic relations with Moscow and Washington, after decades of opposition to ties with the two superpowers. *(Reuter)*

Rebels cheer as coup trial opens

Manila — Twenty-one Philippines army rebels cheered defiantly when they went on trial yesterday in the first court martial of officers linked to December's bloody military attempt to overthrow President Aquino.

The 21 defendants were the first group of officers to be tried in connection with the sixth and most serious army coup attempt against President Aquino in which 113 people died and 600 were wounded." *(Reuter)*

Call to destroy smallpox virus

Geneva — The United States told the World Health Assembly yesterday that within three years it will destroy its remaining research stocks of the smallpox virus. It said it would like the Soviet Union to do the same (Alan McGregor writes).

After a 10-year eradication campaign, WHO was able to declare the world free of the disease in 1980. But the possibility remained of sporadic cases in remote areas beyond the reach of vaccination teams. Stocks of the smallpox virus were retained in case supplies of fresh vaccine were ever needed.

French toreros in fight to save face

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

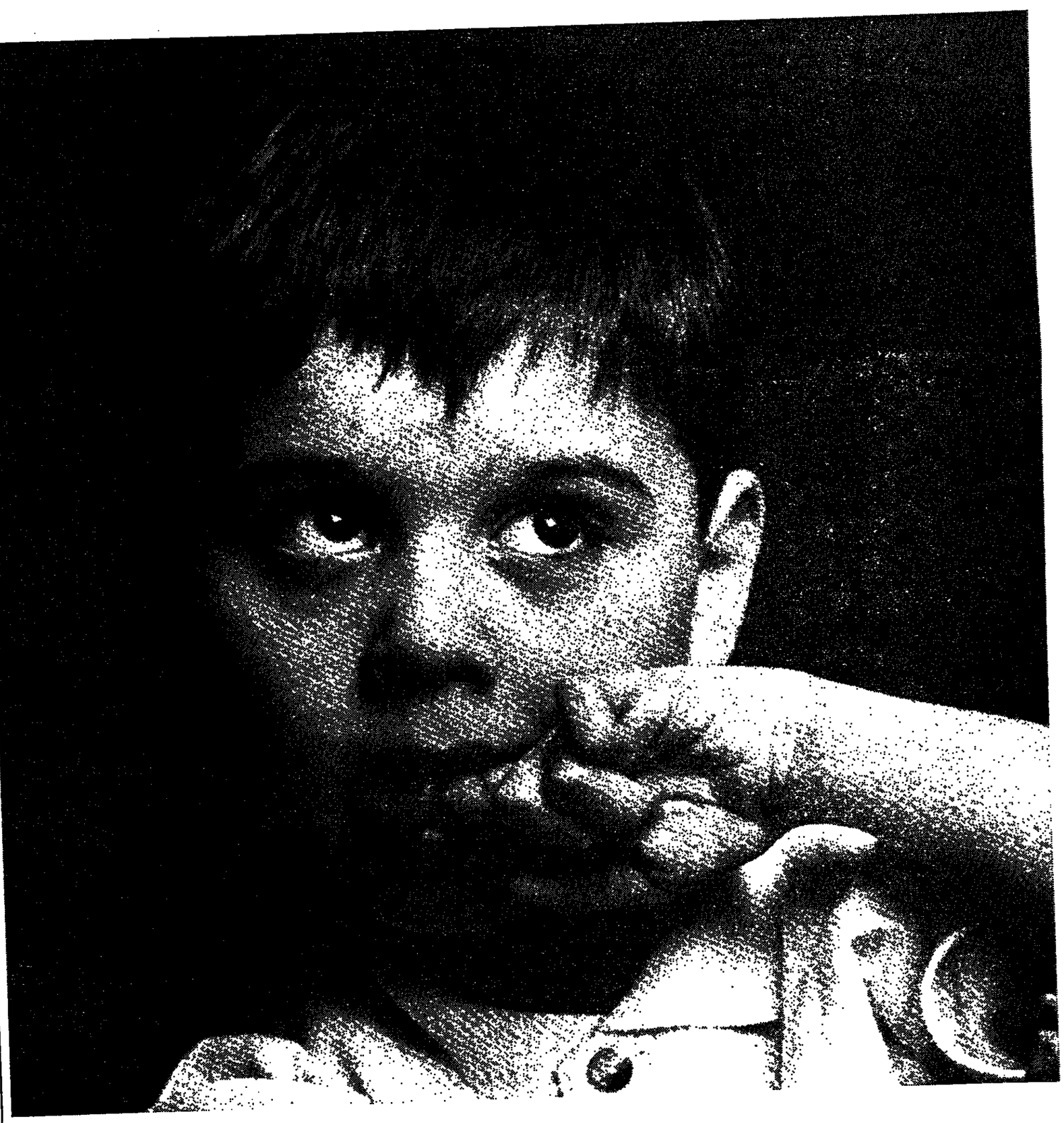
IT CANNOT be much fun to be a matador in France, consigned firmly to the role of supporting cast while the real stars from Spain swagger in. Even at the great Pentecost *feria* in Nimes next month, one of the few occasions when the French get a chance to shine before their own crowds, most of the glory, and the big money, is reserved for names from Madrid and Seville.

But this year, French toreros decided that enough was enough: after learning last week that only a miserable two places had been allocated for them on the Nimes programme, they donned suits of lights and strode off to occupy the mayor's office. The honour of France could only be satisifed, they declared, by ensuring that eight of the 13 scheduled *corridas* featured home-grown bullfighters.

Enter the Syndicat Français des Professions Tauromachiques — the grandly-named trade union for the country's handful of fully-fledged matadors (less than a dozen by most reckonings) and a score of hopeful novices. Please understand, came the message, that much more than money was at stake in this dispute, though it is true that the £50,000 per contract that leading Spaniards can expect to pocket in Nimes is 10 times as much as their French counterparts will pick up.

But pride lay at the heart of the matter, the same macho pride in their bloody trade that had once taken the present director of the Nimes programme, Simon Casas, to fight in Spain. Last weekend, M Casas was prevailed upon to offer his countrymen six places: haughty to a fault, they rejected that, only to reconsider hastily when the exasperated mayor of Nimes threatened to take direct control of the *feria*.

Although the popularity of bullfighting has been growing fast in France in recent years — attendances at Nimes and other arenas in the Gard region now rank above a good many in Spain — there is undeniably a dearth of native talent. For dedicated fans here, the only contemporary French torero fit to appear in the highest company was Nimeno II, and he, alas, will never fight again after being badly injured by an especially dangerous Miura bull in the nearby arena at Arles.



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Romania protesters snub Iliescu by leaving peace talks

From Christopher Walker, Bucharest

ATTEMPTS to negotiate a peaceful end to the mass anti-government demonstration in Bucharest collapsed yesterday with bitter recriminations on both sides. The demonstration has blocked the commercial heart of Bucharest for the past 17 days and is threatening the conduct of the election on May 20.

Representatives of the protesters, demanding a 10-year ban on former Communist Party activists standing for elected office, walked out of talks with a government delegation even before meeting the interim President, Mr Ion Iliescu, because they alleged he would not permit the proceedings to be filmed for television.

Mr Marian Munteanu, a spokesman for Bucharest students, later returned to the barricaded area across the city's main boulevard, which has been declared a "Communist-free zone", to inform cheering crowds that the delegation refused to take part in any negotiations which were not openly filmed.

In blazing sunshine, the protesters responded to the Government's failed initiative with renewed chants demanding President Iliescu's resignation. Ordinary Romanians queued in their hundreds to sign a petition which originated in the town of Timisoara, the birthplace of the revolution on March 11, demanding the exclusion of all former Communist Party activists from any election list for the first three terms. The Bucharest demonstration has spawned similar street protests in other towns, including Timisoara, and presented the provisional Government with its biggest challenge since taking power in the wake of the December revolution.

All traffic in the centre of the capital has to be diverted around the barricaded zone, which is filled with crude caricatures depicting Mr Iliescu and other members of the ruling National Salvation Front as tools of Moscow trying to drag Romania back down the road of communism. Photographs fixed to the barricade show the President relaxing in the company of Nicolae Ceausescu, the executed dictator.

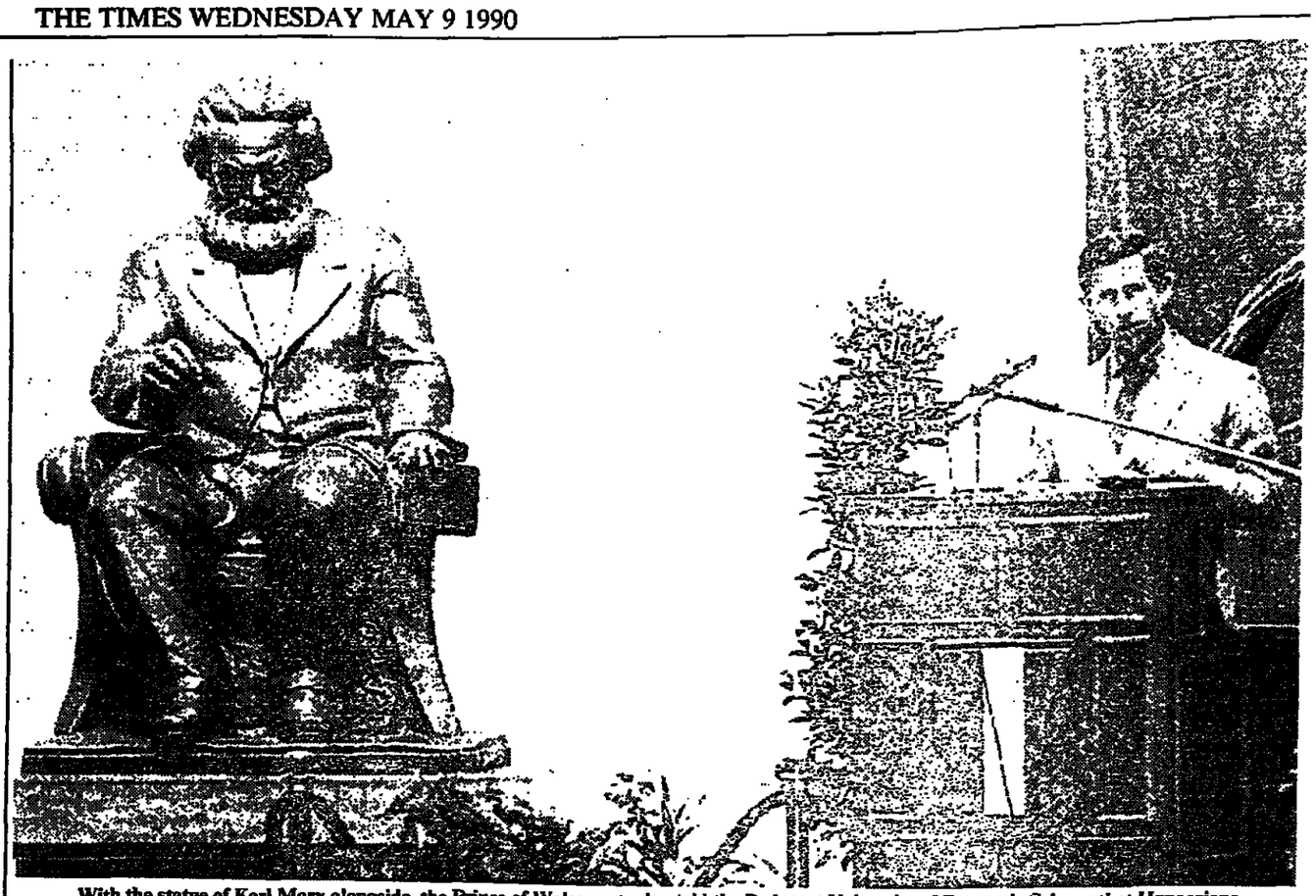
According to government sources, there had been diivisions inside the Front about whether the noisy protest — complete with tents, music, amplified speeches and mock gallows for hanging Communists — should be broken up by force. "The attempted dialogue with the demonstrators was a gamble which failed," on official said.

Another member of the provisional administration accused the demonstrators of attempting to stage a "coup d'etat" designed to sabotage the election set for May 20 because opinion polls have shown Mr Iliescu, a former top Communist turned dissident, with a commanding share of 79 per cent of the votes. The protesters, whose numbers sometimes rise as high as 15,000 and who maintain their anti-government chants around the clock, include students, blue and white collar workers, intellectuals and down and outs. Their squalid camp life in the shadow of Romania's National Theatre gives the protest the atmosphere of a seedy pop festival.

"It is ridiculous for the Government to suggest that we are paid by political parties to protest. I come here as often as I can every day because I do not want to live under another dictatorship," explained Miss Despina Reteul, a music critic. "Without any doubt, the people will remain here until our liberty is secured."

In the days since it began in a small way on April 22, the demonstration has started to generate talk of the need for more political violence. "The only solution is another revolution", the most often shouted slogan inists. Officials fear that it will swell if, as predicted, the Front wins the election both for the presidency and a new bicameral parliament.

"Are a few thousand people entitled to decide for the whole electorate?" asked the semi-official weekly, *Romanian News*. Among the honest people (at the demonstration) there are also a few troublemakers and profiteers who are trying to take advantage of their new position as ringleaders in case a new revolution breaks out."



With the statue of Karl Marx alongside, the Prince of Wales yesterday told the Budapest University of Economic Science that Hungarians had been extraordinarily brave and unique in retaining their spirit, culture and identity, despite the drama through which they had lived

Soup kitchen solace for Kadar's victims

From Ernest Beck, Budapest

WHILE Hungary's new Government ponders its strategy for economic restructuring and the Prince of Wales launches a scheme to promote private enterprise, the poor and downtrodden of Budapest make their way every day to an austere barracks in a derelict corner of the city, which has become the country's first soup kitchen.

At exactly two o'clock about 80 people, mostly men, both young and old, and dressed in tattered clothing, assemble outside the metal fence which guards a vacant lot and a prefabricated trailer in Budapest's notoriously poor District Eight, with vistas of shabby one-storey buildings and dusty streets. When a sister from Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity opens the gate they walk towards the building where hot soup, bread and a shower await.

According to Father Ferenc Bajza, a Roman Catholic priest, who organized the soup kitchen, these are "the poorest of the poor" — old people, gypsies, young families and newly-arrived refugees from Transylvania — who are victims of the former communist regime's economic mismanagement and are now neglected by the local city council which is desperately short of cash.

"During this last period of communism everything was destroyed, factories, families, charity and hope," Father Bajza said. "There have been many highs and lows in Hungarian history, but now we are at the deepest point."

Although no more than 100 people come daily to the soup kitchen since it opened last month, the Red Cross announced this week that it would open a second facility in the belief that there are many more hungry people who are too proud to ask for handouts.

Relief workers who deal with the city's poor say the number of needy is growing rapidly as the painful period of adjustment from a centrally planned to a market economy takes effect. They estimate that up to one fifth of the population, or some two million people, live below the poverty line.

Prices are rising and pensions cannot keep pace. One man waiting for a meal, who lives in a refuge for the homeless, receives the equivalent of £40 a month after having worked 30 years for the railways. Who does he blame for the mess? "Kadar and the other 100 heads of the dragon, some of whom are living on fat pensions."

Communism and a feeble attempt at economic reform by the Kadar regime have indeed wreaked havoc on Hungary. The new Government has inherited a decrepit industrial wasteland, huge foreign debts and inflation which could hit 30 per cent by mid-year. Spontaneous privatization of state industries is making some people rich, but the bulk of the population cannot cope with the change after being coddled by the communist regime for 40 years with cheap housing and subsidized food.

District Eight was always poor, Father Bajza explained, but in the past 10 years, since the economy took a turn for the worse, the situation has deteriorated dramatically and the communist authorities would never acknowledge the existence of poor people in the workers' paradise. "Now there are families here who live like cats and dogs, like animals," the priest says.

Crime and prostitution are rampant in the area, where some 80,000 people live, and the police, who are woefully understaffed due to mass desertions for better paying jobs in the private sector, cannot adequately protect the public. But they did agree to mount a patrol around the soup kitchen grounds after two sisters were attacked.

Despite the gloomy atmosphere there is some hope among the poor who have gathered here for some fleeting moments of human kindness. Many say they voted for Democratic Forum, the centre-right party which won a majority in parliament, and believe that it alone can save them and the country from the current crisis.

When the meal is over, the poor file out of the building and head off in different directions clutching plastic bags with their belongings and pieces of bread. On a wall someone has scrawled prophetically: "Communism kills, makes you stupid and destitute."

Berlin harmony fosters spread of a capital idea

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

AT THE now manifold border crossing points in Berlin, guards wave through queues of cars without even a glance at passports. The mayor of West Berlin drinks in the same pub in the East as his newly elected East Berlin counterpart and discusses how soon they will battle it out for the mayorship of a united Berlin. The city's police and emergency services are working together on a daily basis and West Berlin beer has even found its way into East Berlin pubs.

While the two Germanies still maintain a suspicious, querulous relationship on the road to unity, the two Berlins are growing together daily as if the breaching of the wall had allowed a natural healing process to resume.

With its new wholeness has come a fresh self-confidence. "We are the future capital." East and West Berliners will tell you proudly as if it were the most natural thing in the world.

Berlin has effectively reappointed itself as the capital without a word being said on the matter since the West German Government's declaration of 1949 named Berlin as the natural German capital with Bonn as a transitional solution.

The assumption that this means a united Berlin will simultaneously replace Bonn as capital is beginning to cause nervous flutters on the Rhine.

Already 8,000 officials and politicians have formed an initiative called "Yes to Bonn". They are campaigning for Bonn to remain the seat of government on the American model of separate administrative and geographical capitals. They have the support of 15,000 civil servants who are not thrilled at the prospect of trading life in the peaceful suburbs of the Rhineland for the overcrowded Prussian metropolis.

In the other corner is the "Initiative for Berlin as Capital" campaigning for Berlin to have full capital status and berating the small town small mindedness of the current federal capital.

A complete transfer of power and status to Berlin, however, would alienate vast swathes of today's West German territory. For Bavarians, Berlin as capital is unthinkable because it would relegate the region which currently enjoys special status to the outer edges of prestige — the status that Berlin has suffered for 40 years.

The Munich satirist Herr Konstantine Wecker has been collecting objections heard in recent weeks and reports that they are in descending order that Berlin is too left-wing, speaks a dialect equally and oppositely impenetrable to that of Bavaria and thirdly, is almost in Poland.

This last count has also been perceived as a serious stumbling block in government circles. The redrawing of Germany's eastern border after the war left the city known in Prussian days as the East of the West, and the West of the East out on a geographical limb and just 50 miles from the sensitive Polish border — scarcely the best position from which to govern a united Germany.

Critics of Berlin as sole capital are multiplying in West Germany and include the veteran publisher, Countess Marion Dönhoff, who says the legacy of Berlin as the seat of Nazi power makes it unsuitable to be the capital of a democratic Germany anxious to bed itself down in a unified Europe. In an article in her newspaper, *Die Zeit*, this week she writes: "The decision to make Berlin the capital would send out a false signal. It could tempt the Germans even without their intending it to embark on the way to becoming a nation state instead of keeping the European goal in mind."

The final decision will be reached by the first joint German parliament, probably in 1991. Before then the pro-Berlin initiative intends to set up a branch in Bonn where close aides of Chancellor Kohl are favoured to move to Berlin for symbolic reasons.

In the former Prussian capital by contrast, there has not been a flicker of interest in the idea of an opposing group: "Berliners for Bonn."

● BONN: Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, yesterday rejected a Soviet suggestion that Bonn could rapidly unite with East Germany then sort out the tricky problem of military allegiance later.

He said the idea that solutions to the external problems of unity — such as a united Germany's membership of Nato — could be put on ice did not correspond to his views. "It would be fatal," he told reporters.

Herr Kohl said his Government wanted to stick to its timetable, which meant the external aspects of unification, such as membership of Nato, should be sorted out by the autumn. *(Reuter)*

Dirty tricks surface in Balkans style election

From Christopher Walker
Bucharest

AT THE age of 72, Mr Ion Ratiu, flamboyant property and shipping magnate and one of three candidates for the post of President in the May 20 election, is learning the hard way that European politics are never fought more dirtily than in the Balkans.

After a flood of obscene and threatening telephone calls had jammed lines in his campaign offices in the rambling home of the imprisoned former Mayor of Bucharest, he was given a new, ex-directory number in an attempt to cut down the death threats.

A tape on his desk carried a record of the most recent calls. Most were from women shouting abuse of the crudest variety. "About the most printable thing they say about me is that I am Dracula," he said with a shrug. "I am afraid that many people in this country still know nothing about democracy."

Less than 48 hours earlier, Mr Ratiu's wife Elisabeth (a member of the British Pilkington Glass family) was attacked by mental patients and their nurses wielding iron bars and hurling stones as she visited the psychiatric wing of a Bucharest hospital.

Shortly after the attack, which left Mrs Ratiu shaken but undeterred, Romanian television falsely accused Mr Ratiu of having been previously married to Mrs Doina Cornea, the former prominent dissident and one of his supporters.

"In true communist fashion there has been a systematic campaign of disinformation, denigration and intimidation against me, but I am playing a keen game," Mr Ratiu said. "I am here to teach them democracy and the communist forces are unhappy because I am gaining credibility."

Mr Ratiu: Playing a keen game despite intimidation

Mr Ratiu, candidate of the right-wing National Peasant Party, one of three pre-Second World War groupings contesting the vote, remains the outsider in the opinion polls. But he believes that if the voting goes into a second round he still stands a good chance of emerging as President.

The list of harassment and violence he presents to visitors makes a depressing commentary on the legacy of 24 years of communist dictatorship. As the epitome of the free-market capitalist, he and his party have suffered more than other candidates. "At the last count, we have had two members killed canvassing and 60 recorded attacks on offices of the party in various areas," said Mr Ratiu, sitting below photographs recording previous encounters with Mrs Thatcher and the Pope. "As election day approaches, things are getting worse."

The deaths occurred in February near the Moldavian town of Bacau.

More recent violence against supporters of the National Peasant Party, the strongest advocate of the import of Western capital to save Romania's economy, has been less disputable. Mr Ratiu was nearly lynched by supporters of the ruling National Salvation Front when he visited the industrial town of Buzau last week.

"The Mayor wrongly introduced himself as an old friend when he was a Front supporter and led me into the centre of a screaming mob of thousands," said Mr Ratiu, who is now advised to travel everywhere with a surgeon in attendance. "I was trapped in a police station when the Army refused to help and only able to escape when an empty police wagon was sent into the crowd as 'bait' and I slipped around the corner."

Mr Ratiu, an exile who left in 1940 to work in the Romanian Legation in London and never went back (the Fascists took over soon after he left), founded the World Union of free Romanians in 1984 and fashioned it into a tool for pressure against Nicolae Ceausescu.

Despite the intimidation, he gives every indication of having found his vocation in politics.

EC moves to cement East European links

From Michael Binyon, Brussels

THE European Community yesterday took decisive steps in cementing new links with its neighbours, signing trade agreements with two more East European countries and authorizing its negotiators to begin integration talks with the six members of the European Free Trade Association.

Bulgaria and East Germany signed trade and co-operation treaties similar to that signed on Monday with Czechoslovakia, leaving only Romania among the emergent East European democracies still to negotiate a deal with Brussels.

Mr Andrei Lukanov, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, and Herr Gerhard Pohl, the East German Economics Minister, arrived here for the signing ceremony as Brussels was commemorating the 40th anniversary of the declaration by M Robert Schuman, the former French Foreign Minister, that led to the setting up of the European Coal and Steel Communities, precursors of the Common Market.

The agreements will give East Europeans greater access to EC markets. They will encourage EC investment and promote co-operation in many areas.

Jews mark start of Holocaust

From John Holland
West Berlin

SEVERAL hundred Jews, many of them Nazi concentration camp survivors, gathered yesterday at the Berlin lakeside villa where 48 years ago Hitler's SS decided on "the Final Solution". The visit to Wannsee, now being refurbished as a museum, was the emotional key event of the first meeting of the World Jewish Congress in Germany.

"It really was the banality of evil," said the Mayor of West Berlin, Herr Walter Momper, gazing about the high-ceilinged room where Eichmann and Heydrich sat sipping cognac on January 20, 1942, discussing the various means of transporting millions of Jews to their deaths.

"It was a normal place, just a normal large house," said Herr Momper of the villa. "The meeting was about German administration — very efficient, very exact — but it was of course the Holocaust."

Mr Elie Wiesel, the Nobel prize laureate, sent a declaration which was read at the gathering. Mr Wiesel, himself a survivor of Auschwitz, did not attend, and it was widely believed that he stayed away to show his long-standing disagreement with the World Jewish Congress, which has been accused by some Jewish leaders of improperly claiming to speak for all Jews.

He wrote: "It is Jewish history which the Germans tried to annihilate here. That is what a Jew remembers in Wannsee. But it means that when we Jews visit and listen to the sombre and dark echoes at Wannsee, we aim at preventing future generations from inheriting our past as their future." Mr Leslie Keller, president of the World Federation of Hungarian Jews, said: "I am against the people who didn't come here."

Quayle emphasizes Thatcher's 'special relationship' with US

By Michael Knipe, Diplomatic Correspondent

VICE-President Dan Quayle underlined Mrs Thatcher's "special relationship" with the US Administration when he called on the Prime Minister at Downing Street yesterday.

He said outside No. 10: "She continues to have a very important special relationship with our President, and your country and our country continue to have that special relationship that has worked for peace and freedom over the years."

Mr Quayle's visit — on the 45th anniversary of VE Day — was one of the events marking the centenary of the birth of Dwight Eisenhower, the US President and Supreme Commander of the allied armies in the Second World War.

At No. 10, Vice-President Quayle presented Mrs Thatcher with a specially minted centennial silver dollar, and the two paid fulsome tribute to Eisenhower's foresight in anticipating German reunification and European moves to end its divisions.

Miss Susan Eisenhower, the late President's granddaughter, and her Russian husband, Mr Roald Sagdeyev, were among those who attended the ceremony, but Mr Denis Thatcher, who had just arrived home from the United States, missed it, preferring to go upstairs to shave.

Paying tribute to Eisenhower, Mrs Thatcher said: "The march of events in Eastern Europe now reveals the full measure of the man and of his foresight.

"On this day 45 years ago — VE Day — he spoke in his victory order to the Allied Expeditionary Force of solving the many problems then facing Europe, and to come by co-operation and devotion to the cause of human freedom.

"He was to work for what he called 'an age of just peace', one pursued by a free world aroused, as rarely in history, by the will to stay free, and determined to stay vigilant in its defence."

Mrs Thatcher spoke of a "prophetic" speech that Eisenhower made in Washington in 1953, in which he saw the US striving from the firm foundation of Nato "to foster a broader European community, conducive to the free movement of persons, of trade and of ideas".

She added: "He worked for the reduction in the burden of armaments then weighing upon the world. Indeed, one of his proposals for 'open skies' is now being realized.

"And I am sure he would have been proud that it was two Republican presidents, President Reagan and President Bush, who brought his vision to fruition. He once said he no longer thought like an American, but like an ally. We in Britain owe him an immense debt."

The Prime Minister said that General Eisenhower had "shared our dark days and became an architect of our freedom ... we counted him as one of us."

Mr Quayle said that Eisenhower represented the alliance. "He always did what he thought was right for America and what was right for the alliance and by doing what was right, he stood four-square for peace and freedom." The Vice-President spoke about the "vast contribution" of Britain working with Mr Reagan and Mr Bush in seeing peace and freedom arrive in Europe.

Mr Quayle credited Mrs Thatcher and the presidents for achieving Eisenhower's goal of "peace and freedom" in Europe, and used the occasion to emphasize the importance of the Nato alliance in maintaining it. "Now we must carry on with that victory," said Mr Quayle. "The future is going to be one that presents many challenges. There is no substitute for Nato. There is no substitute for peace and freedom."

Later, Mr Quayle spent an hour in discussion with Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary. Their talks covered mainly European issues, but they also discussed the issue of the Western hostages in Lebanon, and the Vice-President confirmed that Washington had not engaged in any deals to gain the freedom of the recently released American captives.

During the day, Mr Quayle met a cross-section of political and business leaders at a breakfast meeting, a lunch at the American Ambassador's residence and then at a reception hosted by Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker of the House of Commons, before he flew on to Paris for the final leg of his three-nation tour.

TIM BISHOP

The minder: A US security man in Downing Street yesterday for the visit of Vice-President Quayle

Israel rejects plea to aid hostages by freeing Arabs

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

ISRAEL yesterday risked further US anger over hostages in Lebanon by turning down a plea from the sister of Mr Terry Anderson, one of the Americans still held, to release some of the 400 Muslim Shia prisoners under Israeli control in order to keep up the momentum of hostage releases.

In a statement which appears to put paid for the time being to hopes of a comprehensive deal, Israel said there could be no equation between innocent civilians held hostage by kidnap gangs in Lebanon and Israel's Muslim prisoners.

Mr Avi Pazner, a senior adviser to Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, said Israel's Arab "detainees" — some held by Israel itself and some by the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) — had been captured while attempting acts of terror and war on Israel's northern border. Mr Pazner said Israel would take part in a prisoner swap, but only if it included freedom for the three Israeli servicemen believed to be held captive by Muslim Shia groups in Lebanon. In an ominous mirror-image of Israel's position, Lebanese Shia groups said Israel's prisoners of war - were in a different category from Western hostages and therefore could not form part of any exchange.

Mrs Peggy Say, the sister of Mr Anderson, the former Associated Press bureau chief in Beirut, had pleaded with Israel to free some of its prisoners and so meet the condition for further releases laid down not only by the kidnappers but also by Iran and Syria. But Israel Radio said Mr Moshe Arad, Israel's Ambassador in Washington, had been instructed by Jerusalem to reply that "Israel can only deal with governments, not with individuals".

On Sunday both Senator Robert Dole and Senator Daniel Moynihan called on Israel to release its Muslim "hostages". At a press conference for the two US hostages released recently, Senator Moynihan said Israel could not "hold hostages against international law, international claims and humanitarian demands". He added: "We hope they hear us."

But in a response published here yesterday, Mr Pazner said: "Israel stresses that the detainees it holds are not hostages but terrorists. There is no place for any comparison between them and hostages who are innocent citizens abducted by Hezbollah and Lebanese organizations operating under instructions or guidance from Iran."

● **BEIRUT:** A prominent Shia Muslim fundamentalist leader yesterday stepped up psychological pressure on Israel and the US saying that the stalemate in the hostage crisis could drag on for another year and perhaps even provoke the death of one of the foreign captives (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes).

Reflecting the frustration of the kidnappers, Mr Hussein Musawi, the leader of the Baalbek-based "Islamic Amal" organization, condemned what he described as "the negative American stance". He raised the possibility that Professor Robert Polhill and Mr Frank Reed, the two Americans freed last month, could well be the last foreign hostages to be released in 1990.

Later, in another interview with a Western news agency, he went further, saying that if it is confirmed that four Iranians who were kidnapped by Phalangist gunmen in 1982 are dead revenge could be taken by killing one of the Western hostages.

● **WASHINGTON:** Mr Anderson, the longest held of the Western hostages, helped fellow prisoners make Scrabble and Monopoly games to amuse themselves, according to Mr Reed. *(AP)*

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Saddam taunt on 'nuclear trigger'

From Mike Theodoulou
Nicosia

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein of Iraq yesterday boasted that his country was producing its own electrical capacitors based on samples from the US, which Washington has said could be used to detonate nuclear bombs.

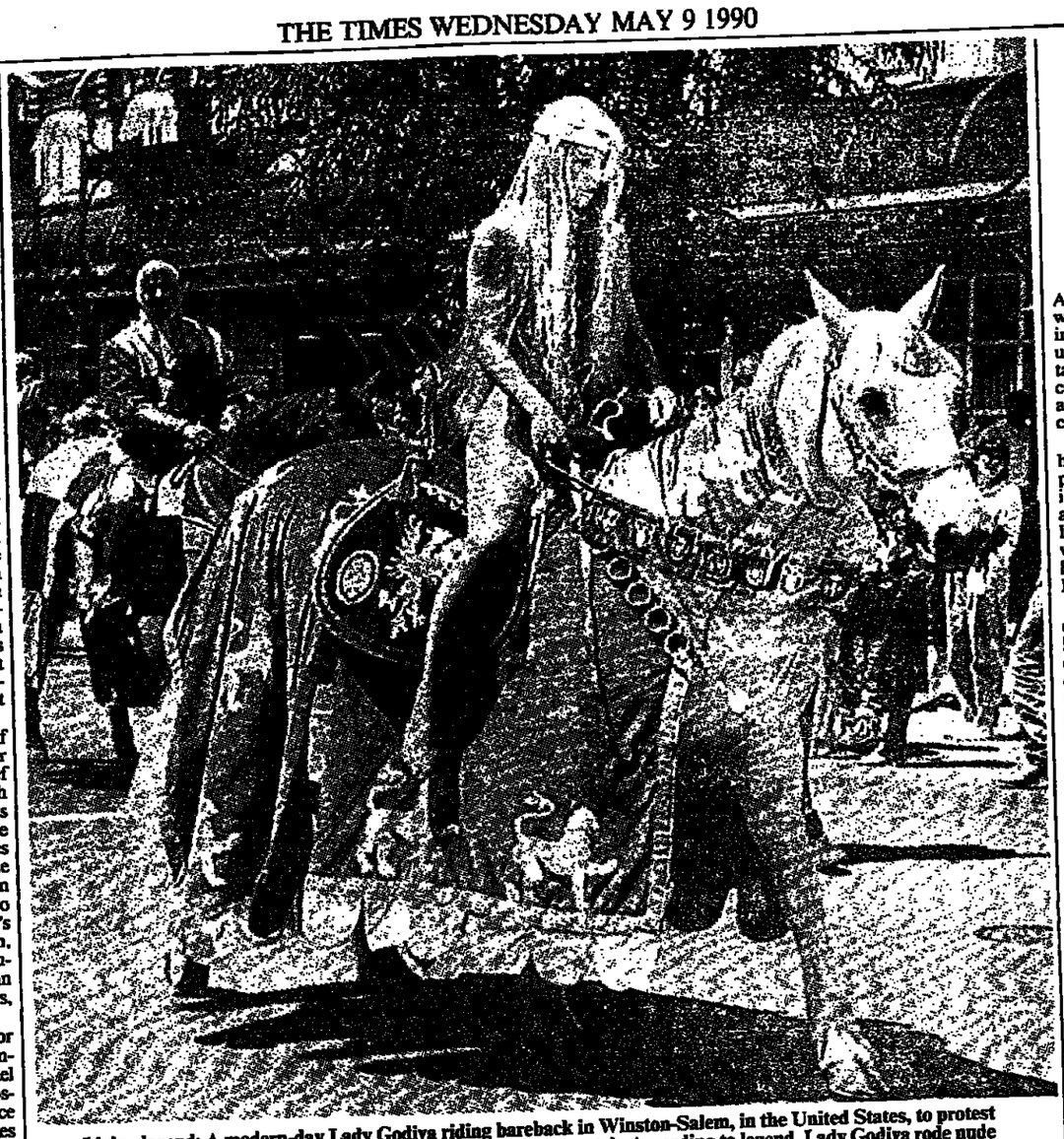
His claim seemed designed to stoke up the war of words between Baghdad and the West, and to garner support for a proposed emergency Arab summit which was called in part to discuss perceived Western threats against President Saddam's regime. The Iraqi leader is keen to host the summit but it has run into difficulties because his arch-rival, President Assad of Syria, has refused to attend if it is held in Baghdad.

President Saddam told 2,000 Arab delegates at a solidarity rally that Iraq produced its first capacitors just five days after the US and Britain seized a shipment of the components bound for Iraq at Heathrow airport in March.

Sneering at allegations that they were intended as nuclear triggers, Mr Saddam displayed what he said was a US-made capacitor which had not been seized. "Can this detonate a nuclear bomb?" he asked. "I haven't seen a nuclear bomb. But this is one of the capacitors they talked about, of which they did not capture all." The President also showed his amused audience what he said were two Iraqi-produced copies of the US product.

There was no immediate way of telling whether the capacitors he displayed were made in Iraq, smuggled from the US, or were at all genuine.

Iraq, which has consistently denied it has nuclear ambitions, insists the capacitors seized in London were intended for laser research.



Living legend: A modern-day Lady Godiva riding bareback in Winston-Salem, in the United States, to protest against a property tax rise. A crowd of 13,000 turned out to watch. According to legend, Lady Godiva rode nude through the streets of Coventry in 1028 to persuade her husband, the Earl of Leicester, to cut taxes

US court deal averts trial of adulteress

From Charles Bremner, New York

A WISCONSIN woman whose prosecution for criminal adultery caused a national uproar has agreed to undertake community service and counselling in return for an agreement by the state to drop charges against her.

Mrs Donna Carroll, a housewife aged 28, faced a possible two-year prison term if found guilty of having an affair with an unemployed lorry driver while her husband was out of Ashland, their home town on the shore of Lake Superior.

Her prosecution, under one of the rarely enforced adultery laws that have survived in over half the US, prompted disbelief and hilarity in the liberal northern cities but won approval from many conservative and religious groups.

Women were particularly enraged because Mrs Carroll's former husband, who reported her to Mr Robert Eaton, the District Attorney, during an acrimonious divorce, conceded breaking the Sixth Commandment himself but he was not charged. The prosecutors said this was because Mr Carroll's alleged acts had been committed outside the state. The prosecutors also made no attempt to charge Mrs Carroll's alleged partner, although under the local law both partners are deemed felons.

Mrs Carroll's lawyer said his client, who has been free on bail pending the trial, had not conceded guilt under the agreement with the prosecutor. She must perform 40 hours of community service and attend two months of parental counselling sessions for the charge to be dismissed.

Mr Eaton had contended that Mrs Carroll be tried in the interest of protecting the sanctity of the family. The American Civil Liberties Union said yesterday it would fight to have adultery laws repealed as unconstitutional in Wisconsin and the two dozen other states where such statutes exist. It said the Carroll case only served to "indicate that couples who are in the throes of divorce and custody battles will often use whatever they can in the state law to inflict more harm and pain to each other." Mrs Carroll has custody of the couple's two children.

The Wisconsin case, though bizarre by the moral standards of much of America, was one of several involving private sexual behaviour now before the US courts. In Virginia and Maryland, two men are now awaiting sentencing for engaging in "consensual oral sex". In both cases, which carry prison terms of up to 10 years, prosecutors had dropped initial charges of rape and substituted the lesser offence. Condemning the cases on Monday, the newspaper *USA Today* called their action "downright menacing".

"They couldn't make the charges stick so prosecutors took what they could get — convictions for engaging in oral sex with the women's consent. The Puritans tried sacrificing privacy to curb sexual temptation. It didn't work. Three centuries later, we should know better," the editorial said.

In the furore over the two oral sex cases, Mr Harry Blackmun, a Supreme Court judge, broke with the court's traditional public silence on matters of controversy and said he believed that the "right of an individual to conduct intimate relationships in the intimacy of his or her own home seems to me to be the heart of the Constitution's protection of privacy".

However, some conservative activists have been complaining of excessive leniency by the courts.

Fate of mayor hangs on a hair

From Susan Ellicott, Washington

IF MR Marion Barry, Washington's disgraced mayor, emerges unscathed from his forthcoming trial for alleged drug use he may wish to thank his hairdresser, even though prosecutors this week disclosed that a sample of hair, taken from Mr Barry's head the night of his arrest four months ago on charges of smoking crack cocaine, revealed he used the drug repeatedly during the previous six weeks.

Mr Barry's lawyers, clearly worried, are seeking to have the hair sample barred as inadmissible in court when their client stands trial next month on charges of perjury and possession of cocaine in 1988 and last January. The prosecution thinks they now have a clear case. The defence can only hope a jury concludes that six weeks of crack smoking does not prove that Mr Barry took drugs as far back as 1988. If acquitted, Mr Barry may be glad he wore his hair short.

The city's tough-talking district attorney, Mr Jay Stephens, describes the chemical hair analysis as the hardest evidence to date in his case against the mayor, who was arrested in a sting operation at a Washington hotel.

The laboratory results look set to damage the defence's contention that police set up their client. Mr Barry denies ever using cocaine but has admitted dependency on and received treatment for alcoholism and abuse of prescription drugs. Intelligence officers arrested him last January after filming him on videotape smoking crack with an ex-girlfriend, Ms Hazel Diane "Rasheeda" Moore, a former model who flew in from Los Angeles to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The hair sample is crucial to the prosecution in their assertion that Mr Barry was predisposed to drug use and was not entrapped. The US Attorney for the District of Columbia, where Mr Barry is charged, this week intensified his case against the mayor by revealing in court documents that he has found more than a dozen people to testify that Mr Barry has used illegal narcotics over the past six years.

Mr Stephens said the hair sample was "extremely persuasive evidence that he was not induced to smoke crack against his will".

Mr Barry, one of the most important and controversial of America's black politicians, shows characteristic nonchalance about the latest titbits against him. He has ignored criticism from Washington's largest newspapers for most of his 12 years in office. Accusing whites of mounting a conspiracy against him, Mr Barry has worked instead in a city divided by bitter racial politics to build support in poor, mainly black neighbourhoods.

One section of the black community feels his arrest shows he failed as a role model for struggling youngsters in a city swamped by addiction and America's highest murder rate.

Thousands held after Moroccan protest

From Susan MacDonald
Paris

POLICE in the Moroccan capital, Rabat, were reported yesterday to have detained an estimated 2,000 outlawed Islamic fundamentalists staging an unprecedented demonstration in the centre of the city as six of their leaders were due to appear in court.

A Reuters reporter saw police and men in plain clothes beating those arrested.

The six leaders were arrested in January and their Islamic movement was banned. At the same time numbers of their followers were picked up in cities all over Morocco. In February the six were sentenced to between nine months and two years imprisonment for belonging to an illegal organization but were not brought from prison to the court to attend the hearing.

Anmesty International aroused the Moroccan authorities' wrath in March by issuing a damning report on prison torture and abuses of justice for all types of prisoners in the country.

The size of yesterday's protest by people who knew they would be arrested shows a surge in Moroccan Islamic fundamentalism.

It is clear that King Hassan is now hard-pressed to contain this. His policy, in his role as Defender of the Faith, of keeping Islam strictly under his wing and dealing severely with attempts to form extremist Islamic groups, is no longer sufficient.

Paris welcomes Rainbow ruling

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

FRANCE hastened to close the curtain on the Rainbow Warrior affair yesterday after accepting the strong criticism by an international tribunal of its decision to release the French agents who sank the Greenpeace ship, Rainbow Warrior, in Auckland harbour almost five years ago.

The Quai d'Orsay said France rejoiced in the settlement of a problem that had severely affected relations with New Zealand. The tribunal's recommendations would be accepted — including a suggestion that France pay an initial $2 million (£1.2 million) into a joint fund intended to foster "close and friendly relations between citizens of the two countries" — and it noted "with satisfaction" that this appeared to close the affair.

But in Wellington, Mr David Lange, who was Prime Minister of New Zealand at the time of the bombing, accused France of economic blackmail to force an agreement transferring the bombers to French control.

Mr Lange: Angered by threats from Paris

In a television interview Mr Lange said his Government was told export access for its farm products to France would end unless it accepted a United Nations-sponsored accord under which the two agents were transferred to the Pacific atoll of Hao.

Mr Lange said the threat had come from "the highest level" of the French Government. "The end of (export) access was promised. What that means is 245,000 tonnes of sheep meat and I think in those days 80,000 tonnes of butter."

The Rainbow Warrior was blown up in Auckland harbour in July, 1985, killing a Dutch photographer, as the vessel was about to sail to the French island of Mururoa in a protest against nuclear testing. The two agents, Commandant Alain Mafart and Captain Doiminique Prieur, were sentenced by a New Zealand court in 1985 to 10 years' in prison after admitting sabotage and manslaughter.

After the 1986 UN accord, under which France paid New Zealand compensation, New Zealand agreed to commute the sentences if the two were confined on Hao for three years, but M Jacques Chirac's Conservative Government brought them home in a desperate (and futile) bid to swing the 1988 presidential election in France.

Japan whale researchers sell catch

Tokyo — A Japanese institute which hunts whales for research purposes sold its season's catch on local wholesale markets, where dwindling supplies have made whale-meat as expensive as beef.

Officials of the Japanese Cetacean Institute said that the proceeds would be used to fund more hunting trips for research. However, environmentalists claim that the yearly Japanese hunt is nothing but commercial whaling in disguise. *(Reuter)*

Prague purge

Prague — Mr Richard Sacher, the Czechoslovak Interior Minister, removed 35 department heads of the nation's new intelligence services because of leaks of sensitive information, the official CTK news agency reported. *(AFP)*

Americans held

Bangkok — A Hong Kong-based American publisher, Mr Michael Morrow, and another US citizen have been arrested by the Vietnamese authorities on unspecified charges and are being held in Ho Chi Minh City, friends said. *(AP)*

Hotel guards

Colombo — The Sri Lankan Army will guard hotels around the island after gunmen robbed tourists of valuables and cash worth £15,000 at the resort of Sigiriya over the weekend, the Government announced. *(Reuter)*

Sister survivor

Sydney — A woman pregnant with twins gave birth to a healthy girl after doctors aborted the other foetus because it had thalassaemia, a potentially fatal genetic disorder, the *Medical Journal of Australia* reported. *(Reuter)*.

Costly Tehran

Geneva — The Iranian capital, Tehran, has by far the most expensive cost of living of any city in the world, says the annual survey issued by the Corporate Resources Group. It is almost twice as expensive as London.

Seaside buffs

Moscow — Latvian nudists founded their own association during a meeting on a beach at Riga, the Communist Party youth daily, *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, reported. *(AFP)*

NEW YORK NOTEBOOK by Charles Bremner

Peace breaks out in black and blue battle of the badges

Belfast, Beirut and San Salvador have their rival armies; so does New York, but with a twist — they both work for the city. The bitter feud between the police and fire departments — respectively known as New York's finest and bravest — has long provided a comic and sometimes tragic subplot to the daily theatre of the Big Apple.

On Sunday, Mayor David Dinkins mediated a shaky peace, proclaiming: "If the Berlin Wall has crumbled and Nelson Mandela is out of jail, we can have peace between the police and the firemen." Like all wars, the "battle of the badges" is over territory and power. Specifically, it is about which of the two proud corps gets to run the show at the scene of an accident.

Until Sunday, if you were trapped in a smashed car or a lorry dumped toxic chemicals on your doorstep, you had to hope one of the two services rescued you before the other arrived. Otherwise, the boys in blue and black were likely to spend vital time squabbling for the honour of performing the rescue. In recent months, the rivalry has erupted into public brawls between the two services and even a shoot-out.

In circumstances still unexplained, shots were exchanged on the West Side of Manhattan in March between officers of the brother services after firemen ordered two plainclothes policemen to move their car out of the way of a hydrant. In the worst incident, a Japanese tourist drowned in the East River in May, 1988 a few yards from the shore, while jealous police officers refused to let frogmen from the fire department swim to release him from an overturned helicopter. Two days later, Mr Benjamin Ward, the former police chief, and Mr Joseph Bruno, the then fire commissioner, came to blows at a press conference.

Mr Dinkins: Living up to his reputation as a conciliator

On Sunday, Mr Dinkins, who won office last year on his reputation as a conciliator, hammered out a pact between the two new chiefs of the services. The fire brigade will take charge of building collapses, chemical spills, floods and gas and water main emergencies. The police will preside at bomb threats, water rescues and car crashes.

"The people have won," Mr Dinkins declared diplomatically. While both sides grumbled about the justice of the carve-up, the press held up the example of the two Teemsma brothers, Richard, the policeman, and Jim, the fireman, were hailed for working together to release a trapped motorist on Sunday. "They embraced when the job was done," reported the *New York Post*. "It's like the Civil War when the families get together," said Richard.

When the CBS television network launched *Doogie Howser MD*, a series last autumn about a cute teenage doctor, many viewers shunned it as just too far-fetched, even by the fanciful standards of the American sitcom. Now a real Doogie Howser has turned up in New York to worry the medical authorities.

Bala Ambati is a 12-year-old genius who is just completing the third year in the pre-medical course at New York University. If he keeps to his current speed, he will qualify as a doctor at 17, displacing the 18-year-old Israeli who holds the record in the Guinness book. The boy says he set his sights on medicine after suffering scalds from boiling water at the age of three. "After that, I started to think about assuaging human suffering."

However, some of the medical school professors are worried that neither Bala, who was born in India, nor the world, may be ready for a 17-year-old practitioner. Mr Robert Lancaster, his chemistry teacher, noted that the boy cries when he fails to do well in the laboratory. "I worry about his having to go through that and medical school at the same time."

Other staff members depict Bala as the victim of over-ambitious parents. His father, an engineer, and his mathematician mother taught him arithmetic in the cradle and calculus by the age of four. But he is impatient with the teachers who urge him to slow down. He dismisses criticism by citing the family's first law of physics: "Administrators and bureaucrats equal inertia. If I were in the seventh grade (at school) now, my mind would be rotting."

New York may fancy itself as the raw, beating heart of the known universe, but when it comes to local sensitivities, it can work itself into a tizzy worthy of the tiniest of parishes.

The latest municipal pother has erupted around Mr Jimmy Breslin, the dean of local columnists, an irascible type who has chronicled the seamier side of the town for decades. On Thursday he grumbled in his column in the *Newsday* tabloid, that Miss Ronnie Eldridge, his wife, had little time left for housework since she was elected to the city council. His "anti-feminist" remarks upset Miss Ji Yeon Yuh, a *Newsday* reporter, who complained to the editor. Stung that anyone should question his judgement, Mr Breslin threw a tantrum, recounted in detail on television news, calling Miss Yuh, among other things, "a yellow cur".

In a memo that made the pages of every other newspaper, he wrote: "Next I'll have the window cleaner commenting on my sentence structure." By Sunday, despite a half-hearted apology, Mr Breslin, a Pulitzer Prize winner, was the subject of mass demonstrations by feminist and Asian-American groups all demanding his resignation. Mayor Dinkins deplored the Breslin remarks on television. On Monday, five state legislators demanded the dismissal of Mr Breslin from the newspaper but Mr Mario Cuomo, the Governor, stepped in, saying: "There's nobody I know who is less of a racist, less ethnic. He is a champion of open-mindedness and objectivity."

Mr Breslin tried to extricate himself by explaining in his column that he had a foul temper, a quality which he said was the prime qualification for a good columnist. "Rage is the only quality that has kept me or anybody I have ever studied writing columns for newspapers." Besides, he was only joking about his wife.

More disturbing for the city's Korean community than Mr Breslin's verbal assault on Miss Yuh is the ugly racial showdown going on in Brooklyn between local black residents and Korean grocers. For a week, hundreds of chanting blacks have picketed two grocer's shops in the Flatbush district, calling the Korean owners "bloodsuckers" and demanding that they move out.

The demonstrations, which started after a black woman claimed she had been maltreated by a Korean, reflect the resentment felt by many blacks towards the Far East families who have virtually cornered the market in 24-hour "convenience" food stores across New York. On Tuesday, the demonstrators, led by Mr Sonny Carson, a notorious "street activist", defied a court order to stop their picketing.

Like Mr Breslin, Mr Carson does not mince words. Accused the other day of being anti-Semitic, he replied: "Hell no, I am anti-white." Mayor Dinkins is now trying to forget he paid Mr Carson to help get out the black vote in his election last year.

Capital for the Tories

Martin Jacques

The London effect again struck with a vengeance in last week's local elections. Outside London, the Conservatives were given a drubbing, with an average swing to Labour of about 11 per cent. In London, the swing was about 5 per cent, far the lowest in the country (except Scotland) and much lower than in the south of England generally.

More than a fifth of the key parliamentary marginals are in London, so if Labour does as badly there in the general election as it did last week, its chances of winning will be much slimmer.

How to explain the London effect of May 1990? There is no single answer, because that 5 per cent average swing conceals an extraordinary variety of outcomes. Westminster and Wandsworth saw shifts of 7 per cent to the Conservatives, while Labour did very well in Merton, which it captured, and Islington. Certainly the legacy of Labour's loony left image still lingers, and was a powerful factor in the loss of Brent and probably Ealing. But it does not explain why Labour made a net advance in Haringey.

Such a myriad of results requires a variety of explanations. Where rates were already high, then a high poll tax was more acceptable, providing of course that the reputation of the council was not hopelessly out of bounds (Haringey, Lambeth). If the council was seen to provide good services and value for money, this was a powerful asset (Islington, Lewisham). If the poll tax was much higher than the rates were previously, then — unlike the rest of the country, where it hurt the Government — in London it tended to hurt the council (Brent, Ealing). And finally, if the poll tax was breathtakingly low, you could not afford not to vote Conservative (Wandsworth, Westminster).

But none of this explains why the unevenness was confined to London. Why did voters in the capital pick and choose with such discretion and not elsewhere? The answer, I think, lies in London's peculiar nature. Unlike people elsewhere, Londoners do not identify themselves with their home city. There is no sense of civic pride commensurate with that in, say, Sheffield or Manchester. Nor do people identify themselves with their local borough. It is merely a political unit, not a source of belonging. Londoners spend much of their lives travelling from one borough to another, without knowing or caring which they happen to be in.

As a result, Londoners probably have a more narrowly-based attitude towards their local council than people elsewhere. They are looking for value for money, and not much more. Furthermore, this tendency has probably accelerated. The old working-class communities once characteristic of so many boroughs had a greater sense of local belonging, and this engendered a greater expectation of the council. In contrast, young newcomers in search of job and career, whom London attracts in large numbers, have little sense of their locality.

It is these latter changes that take us to the heart of the London effect. Whatever the vagaries of the 1990 results, it is far from a new phenomenon. It first surfaced in its contemporary form in October 1974 when the previously high Liberal vote switched to the Tories in nationally disproportionate numbers. It figured very strongly in 1979 when London went significantly more Tory than the rest of the country. And in 1987 it happened again. So, for almost two decades, London has been edging rightwards rather more than the national average. As a result, London, rivalled only by Bristol, is now the most Conservative city in Britain. In other large cities, the Conservatives have few or no MPs; in London they now have a comfortable majority — a reversal of the situation in the 1960s, when Labour enjoyed that position.

A central factor in this change is surely the substantial demographic shift of the last 20 or so years. During that period, London's population generally has fallen, but the fall has been most pronounced among the skilled manual working class — down by a third in the 1970s alone. The numbers of unskilled and semi-skilled have also fallen, though by somewhat less, and so has the lower middle class. Only the professional and managerial groups have held their numbers, and thereby substantially increased their proportion.

London's social structure has shifted upwards. This process has accelerated in the 1980s, with a particularly big expansion in the financial services sector, and therefore in the numbers of the private-sector middle class. As a consequence, London now has a social make-up very different from that of other cities.

These trends are reflected, in varying degrees, in the changing social composition of the inner-London boroughs. Islington was characteristic of an earlier phase of this process, being favoured by Labour-inclined graduates of the 1960s and early 1970s. Wandsworth is archetypal of the changes of the last decade, attracting the new private-sector professional groups which have generally been more Thatcherite in outlook.

None of this is to suggest that demographic change is the only factor behind the London effect, or that the move to the right is irreversible. But you cannot make sense of the London effect without taking these factors into account. And it clearly demonstrates that it is a nonsense to argue that Labour's London problem is simply a legacy of the loony left.

David Willetts takes a close look at the official figures—and finds many of them wanting

No, the poor are not getting poorer

Yesterday *The Times* reported that some of the Government's figures for low incomes from 1981 to 1985 were wrongly calculated. Actually, the poorest 10 per cent of the population did less well than the original figures suggested. This error was revealed in a parliamentary answer on April 4, and is discussed in detail in today's report from the Commons social services committee.

This is not the first and will not be the last error in the measurement or interpretation of poverty statistics. They are notoriously unreliable, because information is based on a survey of the family expenditure of 7,000 people, the main purpose of which is to measure what we spend our money on so that proper weightings can be given to goods and services in the Retail Price Index.

It is rumoured, for example, that one year the statisticians discovered that they were exaggerating the incomes of single parents because their sample included a woman whose husband was abroad and sent her a hefty income. So she was removed from the following year's sample and as a result there appeared to be a dramatic fall in the incomes of single parents, which misled even reputable researchers into producing well-publicized papers on the falling incomes of single parents.

Some good will come from this latest episode if future statistics in this sensitive area are treated more cautiously. There is no error-proof measure of poverty, and some commentators build grandiose arguments about the evils of Thatcherism on very limited data. Here is a do-it-yourself guide to poverty measures.

Do you want to measure incomes before or after housing costs? This government focuses on the total incomes of poor people before deducting housing costs and the benefits which help to meet them. This recent error only really affects the figures for income after housing costs, which is not at all the way most people measure their income.

Do you want to measure mean or median income? The change in the mean income of the poorest 10 per cent of the population is very different from the change in the mid-person of that group. The figures based on means are more volatile and more prone to distortion by extreme individual cases. As a result the Government has just begun to publish data based on median incomes too.

Are you concerned about low incomes or about destitution? We can all see that there are more young people sleeping rough in central London now than 10 years ago. That is a terrible and complicated problem going back to higher rates of family break-up, the long-term effects of rent controls, and the policy of releasing people from long-stay mental institutions. But it is no guide to how the millions of people on low incomes are faring.

We will get a better picture of low incomes in a few weeks' time, when the Government publishes data for the whole period 1979-1987, but meanwhile the figures show that the percentage rise in the total disposable income before housing costs of the person in the middle of the poorest 10 per cent of the population was 5 per cent in the period 1981-85, just the same as for the mid point of the whole income scale. Using mean figures, the income of the poorest 10 per cent before housing costs has risen by 9 per cent, whereas that of the population as a whole has risen by 7 per cent. Despite the huffing and puffing, by these measures the poor have enjoyed a rise in real incomes broadly in line with that of the whole population. That is hardly the basis for saying that the Government's policies have failed.

After clearing away these statistical disputes, what can we say about poverty in this country? The social security system has been under enormous strain over the past 10 years because of three dramatic social changes: the high level of unemployment during most of the period, the rise in the number of old people, and the rise in the number of single parents. All of these groups tend to be disproportionately dependent on social security for their incomes, so, as their numbers increase, the Government finds itself spending more and more on social security simply in order to maintain their living standards. Because of the increases in numbers in these groups, the poorer half of the population now gets about half of its total incomes from the state.

We can hope that these strains on the social security system will diminish during the 1990s. Unemployment has been falling for nearly three years, and consequently we are at last seeing a reduction in the number of unemployment benefit claimants. Despite the popular belief that the number of old people is rising rapidly, the number of over-65s will be virtually unchanged until early in the next century (having risen by over a million during the 1980s). The group that continues to proliferate is the single parents — hence the Government's concern with the issue. But here too demographic change is reducing the number of potential young single mothers, who are the ones most dependent on benefit.

Patterns of poverty are affected above all by these big social changes. Addressing them is much more fruitful than arguing about the details of inherently unreliable data.

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No dialogue, no reward —just total isolation

Conor Cruise O'Brien believes Dr Runcie is playing into terrorist hands by urging talks with Tehran

A ripple of joy ran through the bazaars of Tehran last week as word went out that the most powerful of the English ayatollahs had thrown his weight behind the Khomeini *fatwa* on Salman Rushdie.

True, that is not precisely what Dr Runcie said in his broadcast last Wednesday; but then, bazaars are bazaars. According to a report in this newspaper, last Friday: "the pressure on Mrs Thatcher intensified with an intervention by Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury. 'I believe the time has come for the governments of the UK and Iran to talk directly to each other to see how progress can be made,' he said . . . Although he described the Government's policy as sound and said that nothing should be done to reward the kidnappers, he called for dialogue with Iran."

Unfortunately, if nothing is to be done to reward either the kidnappers themselves or their Iranian paymasters, who "influence" them, the dialogue, if it occurs at all, will end abruptly, as soon as the Iranians discover that no reward is in sight. The hostages were kidnapped in the expectation of eventual reward, and they will be released only in the expectation of prompt reward.

The two American hostages released during the past two weeks may or may not have been released in exchange for a promise, or half-promise, of reward from the United States; but they were certainly released on an Iranian calculation aimed at acquiring rewards.

The calculation was the well-founded one that the releases would be accompanied by huge publicity in the media, and that this publicity, taking account of the entreaties of the families of those hostages still held, must greatly increase the pressures on the Western governments concerned, and thus enhance the prospects of reward for the Iranian government "that is in a position to influence the kidnappers".

The Iranian government has made it quite clear that further releases of American hostages will be dependent on rewards from Washington. "The ball is in the US court," the semi-official *Teheran Times* said last week. Putting the same thought more unctuously at about the same time, the Iranian foreign minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, said: "What is necessary now is deeds, not words. If words can be translated into deeds, then and only then will the Muslims of Lebanon continue their goodwill gestures."

"Deeds" means "rewards". The goodwill of the Muslims of Lebanon is of that special type that requires to be rewarded, and turns into ill will if the reward is inadequate. And the goodwill of the Muslims of Iran is of exactly the same type.

Obviously, the predicament of the hostages, their families and their friends is an agonizing one. It is intended to be so; that is what constitutes the leverage of all those "people of goodwill". Dr Runcie is involved in that predicament and none can blame him for joining in the entreaties which it is designed to elicit. But we do have the right to ask whether the Government should move in the direction which Dr Runcie suggests.

What exactly is that direction? I think it is implicit in an omission from his stipulation about the kidnappers. "Nothing should be done to reward the kidnappers," he says. But he does *not* say that the paymasters and "influencers" of the kidnappers shall not be rewarded. In the context of advice that we should look for "dialogue" with Iran, this amounts to a hint that Iran should be rewarded for using its "influence" for the release of the British hostages. For Dr Runcie knows, as everyone else does, that the Iranian government will not use its "influence" except in the expectation of reward.

The principal obstacle to the "dialogue" which Dr Runcie recommends is that Iran has broken off relations with Britain, because of Britain's failure to observe the *fatwa* of the late Imam Khomeini over *The Satanic Verses*. So, if the recommended dialogue takes place, the first item on the agenda has to be that *fatwa*, and the extent to which Britain is prepared to knuckle under to it.

Those bazaars I spoke of may have missed some of the nuances, but they got the general drift of the Archbishop's discourse.

As it happens, I am not an admirer either of Salman Rushdie or of his book. *The Satanic Verses* — title and all — was intended to enrage pious Muslims. In that enterprise, Mr Rushdie succeeded beyond his wildest dreams — and anyone who has ploughed through the book knows just how wild his dreams can be. Unfortunately, if you enrage people, some people are likely to get hurt. Mr Rushdie personally is among those hurt, but he is not the worst victim. Others have died because of his book: at least two of them were Muslims, murdered for questioning the *fatwa*.

The world of letters would be no whit the worse if *The Satanic Verses* were to disappear. But the world of politics would be very much the worse if a Western government were to yield to terrorist blackmail and ban *The Satanic Verses* (whether formally or informally, the latter being the most likely).

Some argue that to move in the general direction desired by Iran would not be yielding to terrorism but, on the contrary, would strengthen the hand of the "moderate" Rafsanjani against the "hard-liners" in Tehran.

I find that argument sickeningly familiar. Nearly 20 years ago, both Harold Wilson and William Whitelaw convinced themselves that they had spotted "moderates" in the leadership of the Provisional IRA, and paid court to them. The only result of that courtship was to give a tremendous boost to the prestige and morale of the IRA as a whole, and so to establish terrorism as a quasi-permanent feature of life in these islands.

In the past few days, there have been reports that the Belgian government is contemplating the release of a convicted prisoner in exchange for the release of four Belgian hostages. The prisoner was convicted of throwing grenades into a crowd of Jewish schoolchildren. If that deal is consummated, it will put a premium on terrorism, and especially on anti-Jewish terrorism, throughout Europe.

President Rafsanjani is an arch-terrorist, since he is the paymaster of terrorist groups, and uses the hostages held by them as counters in a cruel political game. Until Iran desists from such practices, it should be isolated, not rewarded. For families of the present hostages, that is an intolerable doctrine, but if that doctrine is departed from, many other families, over many years, will have to endure similar pain. Mrs Thatcher's government is right to resist, and I hope it continues to do so.

...and moreover

Craig Brown

Three years ago, in a human suffering index, Mozambique was named the most miserable country on earth. In an article for the current edition of *The Spectator*, Mr Graham Lord returns to Mozambique, the country of his childhood, and does indeed find it pretty awful.

He finds children scavenging in the gutter for food: he finds sewage lying stagnant in the Grande Hotel. The average weekly wage for those in employment will buy a bag of apples or 60 cigarettes. A bicycle costs five years' wages. Dogs howl and a fierce stench clings to the air.

But lo! Mr Lord brings glad tidings! "All is not quite lost," he reports. "There's no television, for a start, and the hungry children will doubtless remember their childhoods as nostalgically as I."

One can almost hear the sighs of relief heaving from the mouths of *Spectator* readers around the country at this joyous news. Just so long as there is no television to distract the children of Mozambique from their diligent searchings through the gutter, things can't be all bad. If, say, *Blue Peter* or *Captain Pugwash* made a sudden appearance on a flickering screen, these children might find their future nostalgia for those rosy days of childhood gutter-scratching quite ruined.

And what if their parents allowed them to stay up late in the hope, perhaps, of discovering a discarded chicken bone, and what if they then, poor dears, caught sight of *Top of the Pops* through an uncurtained window? The thought is too hideous to contemplate: the innocence of childhood shattered at a stroke. But without television, such a nightmare scenario simply cannot occur, and Mr Lord may sleep easy.

I wonder, though, whether Mr Lord himself has not taken the occasional peak at a television set. Not in his own house of course — I don't suspect for one minute that he would be so hypocritical as to rejoice in its absence from the gutters of Mozambique while secreting one in his very own sitting room — but I wonder whether he really has never enjoyed a single television programme.

I only wonder because I have noticed in the past that many who proclaim themselves most stridently against television are, oddly enough, those who watch it the most. It is impossible to enter the house of one writer I know, who has written what some see as the definitive book against television (blaming it for the downfall of Western Civilisation, etcetera), without hearing the strains of *Gloria Live* or the lunchtime *Neighbours* wafting down the stairs. I sometimes think that it is as if the founding members of the Temperance League were all, in the privacy of their own homes, enthusiastic alcoholics.

Born in 1957, I have never known a time without television. My nostalgia for childhood mixes quite cheerfully with a nostalgia for childhood television: *The Flintstones*, *Bill and Ben*, *The Magic Boomerang*, *Orlando* and *Batman* still mean far more to me than dull wooden building blocks and those dreadfully improving Janet and John books in which an entire plot revolved around whether Rover would manage to fetch his red ball. Just as Charles Dickens said that Little Red Riding Hood was his first love, and that if he could have married her he would have known perfect bliss, so a large proportion of my own generation feel the same about Valerie Singleton and *Blue Peter*, or even Wilma Flintstone.

I know of no one of my generation whose life has not been enriched by television. One of my greatest friends first attracted his wife by claiming he had been the original Milky Bar Kid. She fell in love with him on the strength of it. Only after they were married did he tell her the truth. While reading theology at Oxford, my brother James never missed an episode of *Crossroads*, *Coronation Street* or *Emmerdale Farm*; before the onset of television, he would have had to fall back on fooling around with teddy bears, as the Brideshead Generation was forced to do. I am less picky than my brother: I watch and enjoy anything that isn't snooker and doesn't feature Jeffrey Archer. Though well-housed and well-fed, my little daughter will watch even them. All is lost, Mr Lord, all is lost.

DIARY

Owen prepares an open exit

David Owen's enemies have often written him off before, only to see him bounce back, to their confusion and consternation. But now even his most ardent supporters appear to be conceding that the game may be up. Word comes that the SDP has cancelled its provisional booking to hold its 1993 annual conference in Torquay. As this is more than a full year after the last date on which Mrs Thatcher can call the next general election, there is inevitable speculation that the SDP, possibly deprived of its entire parliamentary presence (currently standing at three), is preparing to vote itself out of existence immediately the election results are known. It has booked Torquay for next year — almost certainly the last conference before the general election — but has no plans for 1992 and has not made alternative arrangements for its cancelled 1993 booking.

To rub salt into the wound, the Liberal Democrats, who had also sought the Torquay venue for 1993, only to be told that Owen had beaten them to it, have now taken up the booking. But the Liberal Democrats, while scenting blood, are being gentlemanly and declining to crow. "It is not a matter for us where they go," said a party spokesman soberly. The Green Party, however, is unintentionally putting the knife in. It has announced that it no longer intends to hold its conferences in Malvern because the venue is too small. Their place is being taken this year by the SDP.

● *When Sir Donald Bradman was here with the Australian cricket team in 1930, a young fan at home sent him a letter in an envelope bearing only his photograph and the words "somewhere on tour in England". The GPO rose to the challenge and delivered it. Sixty years on, the Australian postal service has found the opportunity to prove that it is equally efficient. It has just delivered a letter from an English cricket fan addressed merely: "Keith Miller, the Keith Miller, Australia".*

Aiming for Rushdie

Alternative publishers are queueing to undertake the paperback publication of Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses*, if Penguin, still undecided, finally backs down. Foremost among them is Granta, whose eponymous magazine was until recently published by Penguin and which still has a distribution deal with it. In an implicit attack on Penguin, Bill Buford of Granta says: "Only the most lily-livered publishers would not put their names to a paperback publication. The paperback has become an issue only because of the delay." A Granta publication, possibly in conjunction with other publishers with strong views on the subject, would definitely mean "some other distribution arrangement" for the work, he adds.

Meanwhile, the Cambridge Union carried a motion in support of paperback publication on Monday night, with Tim Waterstone, the bookseller, speaking in favour. Conceding that it would be "hideously painful even to extremely sophisticated Muslims" and that he "hated the damage done to fragile community relations in Britain", Waterstone insisted, nevertheless, that "it is still a brilliant novel" and that the production process could not be regarded as complete without a British paperback publication.

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The suggestion by *Burke's Peerage* that the problems of European union could be solved by bestowing on the Queen the title Empress of Europe will not commend itself to Jacques Delors and other socialist bureaucrats in Brussels. And the response from Britain's anti-EC lobby is decidedly frosty. Teddy Taylor, Tory MP and staunch upholder of national sovereignty, says: "As the titular head of an organization which allows an unelected commission to take the majority of decisions, the Queen would have to be renamed not the Empress but the Tsarina of Europe to demonstrate the lack of democracy. Delors could bethe Tsar. The prospect of European union fills me with foreboding. The prospect of losing the Queen to the moguls of Brussels makes it even more horrifying."

Harold Brooks-Baker, the publishing director of *Burke's*, also suggests a European House of Kings, modelled on the House of Lords, which would act as a "moderating influence on over-ambitious politicians and a curb on the bureaucratic powers of Brussels". After all, says Brooks-Baker, royalty is much more in touch with the common man these days than are elected politicians.

Seat in the squalls

The Hackney Empire, East London's theatrical home to such leftist causes as the striking miners, gay rights, the Nicaraguan Sandinistas and the Kurdish fight against repression, has been hit by a left-wing protest of its own. Hackney trade unions are demanding sanctions against the management for sacking an usherette who took part in an anti-poll tax demonstration when she should have been at work. They say she left the theatre only during her tea break, and could not get back on time because of a police cordon. Roland Muldoon, a Hackney Empire director, is unimpressed. "The unions think we should have closed down for the night and joined the poll tax demonstration," he says. "They seem to forget we have a theatre to run."

Bouncing Balts

With the Lithuanian prime minister in Britain this week, it is astonishing to contemplate the array of talent in British public life which can boast Lithuanian descent. Four recent government ministers, Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, Sir Leon Brittan, Lord Young of Graffham and Edwina Currie, all have Lithuanian antecedents. Other prominent "Lithuanians" include Sir John Gielgud and Severiana Beriosova, the ballerina. The founder of the Marks and Spencer empire, Michael Marks, was another, as was Lord Kagan, of Gannex raincoats and Harold Wilson fame.

The great majority of Britain's Lithuanians, of course, are the descendants of Jews whose ancestors fled anti-Semitic pogroms at the end of the 19th century, some having settled on the Baltic only briefly after experiencing even worse horrors elsewhere in Russia and in Poland. Today only between 2,000 and 3,000 people in Britain would describe themselves as Lithuanian; but, says Vladas Dargis, editor of *Lithuanian Weekly*, there are almost certainly many more. "Perhaps the only way to locate them would be to announce income tax concessions for anyone who could prove Lithuanian descent," he suggests.

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PENTAGONAL PRUNING HOOK

The debate over America's military tasks and spending has moved from phoney war to real skirmish. For several months, the Pentagon has been stalling on how far American military forces can be wound down as the Soviet threat shrinks. The Defence Secretary, Mr Richard Cheney, has used a combination of calls for prudence and marginal cuts in existing structure as a smokescreen to protect a wide-ranging review of first principles.

Such proposals for contraction have become a familiar exercise for the Pentagon and its extended family of dependants. Not only are manpower and hardware intended for reduction; the defence industries and entire city, state and foreign economies turn on the outcome of these bouts of futurology. This round is certainly the largest since the post-Vietnam wind-down and in some ways harks back to the reorganization which followed the Second World War. The American military commitment in Europe is a large element in the deliberation. Britain's interest in the budget battle is in the mastering of the speed of reduction. Large vehicles negotiating steep slopes have a way of running out of control.

The first outline of the military negotiating stance emerged this week from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, General Colin Powell, who said that he envisaged an armed services budget cut by a quarter in four to five years. He coupled this with a suggested range of tasks which is wide but pulls back from the post-war assumption that America had to be ready to fight in Europe and Asia simultaneously. He added for good measure that the American force in Europe should be "a force that looks like it can fight."

The history of these good intentions is not encouraging. At least two of the 20th-century cutbacks, after Korea and Vietnam, were hasty and ineffectual. They were followed by even more costly restorations of lost capacity. The President, his Secretary of Defence and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs are treading a path strewn with the wreckage of hasty chases after so-called peace dividends.

They are also dealing with an industry of awesome political and economic power – in the mid-1980s it absorbed nearly 7 per cent of GNP. They will avoid their predecessors' errors only if they can avoid being boxed in by the domestic political forces generated by rises or falls in defence spending. This Administration is under heavy pressure to reduce the deficit: knocking General Powell's $73 billion out of the expenditure column would help.

The Administration will also generate some unpopularity in the towns and cities which rely on their particular tentacle of what Eisenhower christened the "military-industrial complex." These electoral pressures can be critical to the congressman whose district contains a base or factory earmarked for closure. The defence build-up of the 1980s made its own contribution to local economic growth – and to Republican presidential victory. In states as varied as California, Connecticut and Hawaii defence now accounts for about one tenth of economic output.

The clear danger in all this is that a President under pressure will keep open an unnecessary dockyard in Maryland because voters want the jobs it provides. The saving will then be cut from forces in Europe, where there are no votes to lose. There is a historic American commitment to helping preserve the European balance of power. American politicians rarely acknowledge it in so many words, but it has been of pivotal importance. The commitment needs adapting to a new age, but it must not be lost.

President Bush thus needs as much negotiating room as he can get in the interconnected battles of the budget and the deficit. He has just begun to expand his room for manoeuvre by sliding quietly away from a rigid refusal even to discuss raising taxes. No new taxes still remains the motto but the White House has now said that it will talk with Congress on an "open agenda". In other words, new taxes are up for discussion.

It is far too early to tell how much impact this will have in the end on the way in which America's armed might is slimmed down and whether what remains will be where the Western alliance needs it. The only certainty is that defence spending will fall. If the President has taken the additional political risk of thinking about raising new revenue he will have additional means at his disposal to ease the American economy off the drug of ever-expanding military budgets.

CHECKS WITHOUT BALANCES

The extraordinary growth of pre-employment vetting for criminal records offers too much scope for the violation of civil liberty in Britain. The sheer number of such vettings, disclosed this week in *The Times*, suggests the system is out of control. The safeguards contained in the 1974 Rehabilitation of Offenders Act are so tenuous that the Act may as well never have been passed. The safeguards against false disclosure in the 1984 Data Protection Act are so rarely used that they are virtually meaningless. Nothing less than a new Act, imposing stringent statutory control over the central computer records of past criminal convictions, will suffice to tame this monster.

Yet neither the police nor other public sector employers can really be blamed for the zealous way they have taken advantage of the speed and efficiency offered by computer storage and retrieval. Because it is now so easy to check whether a prospective employee has anything in his past which could argue against his appointment, such checks have become standard procedure. But they are checks without balances. Even the police, who run the national criminal records system, have become alarmed at the implications.

Local social services departments in particular have taken such a battering in recent years in connection with child abuse that they feel they cannot afford to ignore a step which so simply protects them from future criticism. Inevitably they tend to err on the side of caution. Inevitably the arrangement is conducted in secret, making any investigation of the vetting extremely difficult.

Informed speculation suggests that more than a million individuals are being vetted each year. What proportion of them know they have been vetted, and what protection there is for their rights if they do not know, is anybody's guess. So is the proportion which does indeed involve highly-sensitive positions, such as the direct and unsupervised control of children, which clearly must be carefully screened.

Information is power. The collection of data containing confidential details of a large section of the population is a standard technique of the police state. So far the use made of central computerized criminal records has been regulated merely by administrative guidelines issued by the Home Office, which are interpreted by police officers throughout the land as they think fit. They are bound to err on the side of looseness, for they too would be open to criticism if something subsequently went wrong.

Such guidelines need to be replaced by firm and specific rules, publicly debated and endorsed by Parliament. Their application needs to be supervised by an independent authority, with the power to investigate complaints and enforce remedies. The police themselves should become mere customers of the service, subject to the same rules, and not also its proprietors, makers and potential breakers of the rules.

As a principle, the onus should be on the public body wanting the information to show there is a genuine need. The public will only believe this principle is being observed when a significant number of requests for information is being turned down. Those to be vetted must be asked in advance, and informed of the outcome. If they think the vetting unfair, they should have some recourse. Employers (mainly in the private sector) without access to the system should be barred by law from demanding that prospective employees should claim their personal records under the Data Protection Act, and produce them for inspection. Without further strong safeguards, civil liberties in Britain could become incidental victims of the information technology revolution.

FLANNELLED FOOLS

"Now in Maytime to the wicket, Out I march with bat and pad . . ." – to stay there for an inordinately long time. If the poetry of cricket is all about making runs, this season has had a most lyrical beginning. Of the 10 highest county totals in first-class cricket only three have been scored since 1945 – and all three of them this month. This sounds like more than mere coincidence.

There are a number of reasons why, and one of them must be the glorious summer weather. For both technical and psychological reasons, the mastery of bat over ball is most evident when the skies are blue and cloudless. Another is the improvenent in county pitches. The steady deterioration in match-playing surfaces reached its nadir last year, prompting the Test and County Cricket Board to act. By deducting points from counties most at fault, the board has forced all first-class clubs to mend their ways.

A third reason (the one held by the TCCB to be most significant) is the influence of the four-day county match (introduced as an experiment two years ago). Each county now plays 16 three-day matches and six four-day games, concentrated at the beginning and end of the season. The extra time encourages batting patience and technique.

But the last reason, and it is this which has caught the imagination, is the decision to lower the seam on cricket balls. The seam (where the leather is stitched) had been growing like Topsy for several decades, increasing the advantage to bowlers, and especially "seamers", who make the ball deviate from the true by bouncing if off this crucial ridge.

Last season, this trend reached its ultimate when the Alfred Reader company, one of the two main manufacturers of cricket balls, introduced a new 15-strand seam which was higher than any so far used in first-class cricket. The Reader ball gave the bowler so much help (even during a summer as hot and dry as last year's) that the TCCB felt the time had come to act in defence of the embattled batsmen. The balance of advantage between attack and defence had been upset.

There are those who recall with misty eyes the days of Trueman and Statham or Laker and Lock. The most appealing balance to a sporting cricketer is his side scoring 600 and then ripping through the other team's batting. None the less, however heroic England's bowlers, the game would be a patchy, wretched spectacle if it did not encourage its Edriches, Comptons, Huttons and Graveneys to flower in the sun at Headingley or Lord's.

There is, moreover, a further compelling reason why it had become time for the authorities to call "over". Bowling had become so easy that the overall standard was in decline. When England came up against a side such as the West Indies, on pitches which gave the seamers little help, they found themselves unequal to the task.

Therefore the TCCB this year officially lowered the seam and reduced the number of permitted strands to nine. This restores the balance to that of 20 years ago, though not to those golden days before the war when the seam was even less prominent and the batsmen played late into the twilight of long evenings. How long cricket's new dawn will last is a matter for speculation. Yesterday it was "raining at Headingley". No batsmen has yet learnt to cope with that.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Steps to deal with football hooligans

From Mr Peter Jennings

Sir, Rather than allow the appalling behaviour of a minority of hooligans, thugs and troublemakers (report, May 7) spoil the pleasure and enjoyment the vast majority of football supporters, myself included, derive from watching their team play, it is time Sports Minister, Mr Colin Moynihan, and the President of the Football League, Mr Bill Fox, took decisive action against certain clubs.

It is completely unacceptable for Mr Fox to make pathetic excuses as to why the Football League ignored persistent requests by the police in Bournemouth to have a game against Leeds United rearranged because of justifiable concern about the behaviour of their notorious band of travelling hooligans.

In order to show that they really mean to get to grips with the ever-growing hooligan element intent on destroying our national game, I suggest that the Football League take the following measures:

1. Deduct nine points from Leeds United at the start of next season.
2. Deduct three points from any other Football League club whose followers cause any trouble at home or away matches.
3. That Leeds United supporters be banned from all away matches for the duration of next season.
4. That those responsible for running the game take notice of police advice and meet all police requests to have matches rearranged if there is good reason to believe that violence and trouble will ensue.

It is up to Mr Moynihan to convince UEFA that every possible step will be taken to avoid a repeat of the violence and trouble which marred the end-of-season matches on Saturday. He should argue the case for the return of English clubs to European soccer next season. Genuine football supporters deserve nothing less.

Yours sincerely,
PETER JENNINGS,
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Pall Mall, SW1.
May 7.

From Mr Ross Hemsworth

Sir, With regard to the violence in Bournemouth on Saturday, and the all-too-quick voices calling for further bans from Europe for English clubs, over the weekend there was also violence at football matches in Holland, Germany and Belgium. Are these countries all to be banned from European competition also, or is there a different rule applying throughout the rest of Europe?

I understand that Ajax of Holland are banned from participating in European competitions because of previous violence, but the country in general and other clubs in Holland are free to continue playing in the three main European competitions. Holland has a reputation for football hooligans over the years, but when one of its clubs becomes involved in an incident, the authorities ban *the club* from tournaments not the country.

Why therefore, I ask, does the whole of English football have to suffer for the actions of fans at one game? Would it not be more sensible to ban Leeds United from Europe, and allow other clubs, whose behaviour records have been very much improved this season, to take their rightful place back in the challenge for European honours from hereon?

Yours faithfully,
ROSS HEMSWORTH,
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Dunstable,
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May 7.

From Mr Gershon Ellenbogen

Sir, The Underground is plastered with posters advertising a film about two notorious gangsters, and proclaiming, in capital letters, "When people are afraid of you . . . you can do anything. Remember that".

It is hardly possible to conceive a greater encouragement to potential hooligans and criminals than this piece of advice.

Is it not astonishing that, quite apart from any opinion of the Advertising Standards Authority, London Regional Transport should see fit to publicise so anti-social a message?

I am sending this letter "as from" the college of which I am a senior member, and not disclosing my home address, to reduce the risk of having my windows broken!

I am, etc.,
GERSHON ELLENBOGEN,
As from: King's College,
Cambridge.
May 8.

Compromise way ahead in S Africa

From Professor Bernard Crick

Sir, Your editorial, "Jaw-jaw at the Cape" (May 5), has an unhappy and mistaken tone of sour-grapes masking as realism: "the outcome . . . means much in appearance but little in substance", and "highflown waffle does not a constitution make".

Perhaps, but what does one expect at this stage? The important thing is that talks are off the ground and that both the National Party and the ANC have committed themselves to compromise old positions and to success; there is no recrossing the Rubicon. Each now needs each other's support for each would face political destruction if the talks fail, and the country would face chaos.

Even the "one man one vote" is not as unnegotiable as you say. The United States Constitution evolved into one person one vote (after the withering away of property qualifications through inflation and after negro and female enfranchisement), but the constitutional framework of judicial review, the Bill of Rights, the separation of powers and bicameralism has prevented old conservative or Tocquevillean fears of "the tyranny of the majority".

The negotiations will be about constitutional devices more than about the economy. Anyone who has read the ANC's theoretical journals over the last 10 years will see that they have not been untouched by the rediscovery of constitutional values and the primacy of political means in both West and East European socialism.

You say that "group rights" are "race rights". That feeds the fire and obscures distinctions. Racialism is apartheid, but some forms of constitutional protection for cultural and ethnic rights, as well as substantial property rights, is political common sense. The US Senate, after all, was instituted to protect state rights, not individual rights: that was "the great compromise" of 1787.

Last year and the year before I had the chance to meet township leaders of ANC persuasion. When I asked, "what are you really after?" the answer almost always was "to force them to the table". "And then?" And then they would look at me puzzled and amused. "Who knows? When you really begin to bargain, who knows?"

Both sides are now willing to compromise and neither can draw back. Such fundamental negotiations historically only take place when both sides realise that they cannot win, or that (as with Britain and Ireland in 1920) the price of victory is too high. This has happened.

Yours sincerely,
BERNARD CRICK,
8a Bellevue Terrace,
Edinburgh 7.
May 5.

Poll tax review

From Mr Esmond Bulmer

Sir, The Prime Minister can take some comfort from the local government results in London, but her review of the community charge and its outcome remains extremely and perhaps critically important to the future of her Government.

During the years that I spent in the House of Commons I used to suggest that if a small proportion of the time given to the reform of local government was spent addressing the question, "How do we persuade people of appropriate experience and ability to stand for councils?" the country would be better served.

A hundred years ago Lord Derby thought it a greater honour to be Lord Mayor of Liverpool than Prime Minister. We have travelled a long way since then in civic affairs, most of it downhill.

The natural urge of central government to take power into its own hands, coupled with the creaming of the brightest graduates to the centre and the disappearance of so many family businesses proud to be associated with their locality have accentuated an imbalance between decision-making at the centre and on the ground which needs to be addressed.

If to take responsibility for local affairs simply means being squeezed between public demand for services and Government control of the purse strings, few will find that attractive.

If the Prime Minister's review properly identifies those areas where local judgement is likely to be better than central and leaves councillors to account to their electorate for what they can control, the poll tax will be more readily seen to make that link between tax levied and benefit delivered so essential to effective local democracy.

Such an analysis rigorously conducted should lead to less money being raised through the community charge and the job satisfaction of being a local councillor much enhanced.

Yours faithfully,
ESMOND BULMER,
HP Bulmer Holdings plc,
The Cider Mills,
Plough Lane,
Hereford.
May 7

Cultural barriers

From Mr Robert I. Frost

Sir, The threat of nationalist conflict hangs over the states of Eastern Europe emerging from Soviet domination. It is a tragedy that crude nineteenth-century views of the political rights of "peoples", whatever they may be, should dominate the current political scene. The assumption that all people belong to one or other national or ethnic group and the attempt to create nation-states in a region where they were inappropriate has already caused enough misery in this century.

Let us not perpetuate the problem through crude statements such as that made in today's leader (May 1) to the effect that Lithuanians are the "traditional enemies" of Poles. This observation is at best highly dubious; at worst inflammatory. In fact, for over 400 years Poland and Lithuania were joined in a union of political equals: Lithuania was never conquered or ruled by Poles, despite what some Poles and Lithuanians may believe today. On present performance, the political union between Scotland and England may yet fail to match the longevity of its Eastern predecessor.

As in all such political relationships there were problems between Poles and Lithuanians; it was the rise of romantic, linguistic nationalism in the nineteenth century and the collapse of empires in 1918 in a climate of "self-determination" which brought open hostility.

This was a tragedy for all; not least those Lithuanians who happened to be of Polish language, whose ancestors before 1795 would have regarded themselves as Lithuanian patriots, but who were forced in 1918 to choose between their culture and the land of their birth. In 1990, when at last the barriers between peoples are coming down in Western Europe, let us not strengthen them in the East by perpetuating dangerous nineteenth-century myths.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT I. FROST,
King's College London,
Department of History,
Strand, WC2.
May 1.

Christian truth

From Mr Michael Coates

Sir, The view expressed by the Canon of Windsor ("Valuing truth above Christian tradition", April 30) is exactly what puzzles many of us about some of the current leadership of the Church of England.

We understood the Church to be committed to the view that the tradition *is* the truth. Now we are told that the truth is uncertain and that the best we can do is join in the search for it, led by those who themselves do not know where to find it. To us in the pew it looks as though the guides have become blind.

It does not take a theologian to see that the New Testament purports to offer certainty. Perhaps it takes a theologian to miss it! What is the Bible telling us if not "that we should embrace once-for-all eternally revealed verities"?

If there really is no certainty, then of course none of us would wish to satisfy our desire for it by wishful thinking. But for centuries the Church has insisted that the faith "was once for all entrusted to the saints". What lack of confidence now persuades its leaders to abandon the role of guardian for that of enquirer?

At the very least this is a bad prelude to the Decade of Evangelism; for if the trumpet gives so uncertain a sound who will get ready for the battle?

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL COATES,
138 Kensington Church Street, W8.
May 1.

From Rabbi Stephen Howard

Sir, I read with interest and fellow-feeling Canon Stanesby's article. Had its references been to Jewish sources, history and beliefs, it would have been an eloquent exposition of the position of liberal Judaism in this country.

I believe there is hope for us all while such views exist in our various faiths, combating the narrowmindedness of fundamentalism.

Yours faithfully,
S. HOWARD,
Southgate Progressive Synagogue,
5 Chase Road,
Southgate, N14.
May 1.

Five men in a boat

From Mr R. T. Rivington

Sir, Your front-page illustration (April 28) showed a crew of five policemen rowing a Montagu naval whaler at Westminster. The few remaining Montagu whalers in the possession of the Royal Navy were entered for the London River Race in 1988 and 1989; but how a five-oar boat ought properly to be rowed should be remembered.

Rowing with an odd number of blades is called cut-throat rowing, the use of the same term found in cut-throat bridge, played with an odd number of players. When rowing cut-throat, bow-oar should be rigged to row either hand, with rowlocks or thole pins on either side, so that bow can toss his oar to row on either hand.

In a confined space or dock, with no steerage way to use a rudder, bow oar is used as the steering or turning oar. At sea, the extra blade is rowed to leeward, to make up necessary leeway.

Yours faithfully,
R. T. RIVINGTON,
5 Carlton Road, Oxford.
May 2.

War horses

From Miss E. L. Pettitt

Sir, I wonder how many of Napoleon's chargers found their way to these shores (letters, April 18)? Here at Hawarden we have buried in Hawarden Castle park the horse which carried him at the battle of Borodino and on the retreat from Russia.

Sir Stephen Richard Glynne, 8th Baronet, of Hawarden Castle, went to France with his family in 1815 for the sake of his health and apparently bought the charger before his untimely death, aged 35, at Nice later in the year. His widow brought it back to Hawarden.

Unfortunately, neither the horse's name nor age at death seem to have been recorded and, of course, in the later nineteenth century Hawarden had rather more substantial claims to fame, as the home of Gladstone.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH L. PETTITT
(Assistant archivist),
County Record Office,
The Old Rectory,
Hawarden, Deeside, Clwyd.

'Vision' for London

From Councillor Nicky Gavron

Sir, Gerald Isaaman (April 27) pleads for a sign of vision and leadership to save London from becoming an "international joke". I find this plea heavy with irony.

There *is* a vision for London. It is set out in the London Planning Advisory Committee's *Strategic Planning Advice for London*, agreed by all London boroughs of *all* political persuasions in October, 1988. It contains a unified package of mutually supportive policies for land-use and transport.

Prepared at the request of the Secretary of State for the Environment, this document should have been the starting point for addressing London's problems. The irony is that LPAC can only advise; its "advice" was not taken up by Ridley and instead the Government, under Patten, issued *Strategic Planning Guidance for London* on the eve of the summer recess in July, 1989.

Thus "guidance" is supposed to provide the overall planning framework for London for the next 15 years. It is imbalanced in favour of economic growth; it largely abdicates responsibility for planning to the market; and it lacks the complementary policies which would promote London's long-term prosperity and quality of life.

Above all, it fails to provide a framework for grasping the real opportunities that do exist, particularly with the advent of the single European market. London's planning and transport experts hang their heads in shame at international conferences.

Developing LPAC's vision for London is already under way in the new borough plans. LPAC has also taken the initiative in setting up a major research project, intended to explore what London needs to do in order to retain and enhance its competitive position with other world cities.

In addition, the Association of London Authorities (Labour) has held conferences and seminars and is working with the London Boroughs Association (predominantly Conservative) and with London MPs and other interests to work out the right balance of policies to save London.

What London needs to implement this vision is a genuinely elected planning and transport authority, accountable to the people of London. I am not calling for a return of the GLC. London needs a new authority, with the right powers to co-ordinate and integrate all its diverse areas and interests.

What London *doesn't* need is "someone" appointed to be the satrap of central government.

Yours faithfully,
NICKY GAVRON
(Deputy Chairman, London Planning Advisory Committee),
17 Broadlands Road, N6.
May 1.

Opera tickets

From the General Director of the Royal Opera House

Sir, I must enlighten your diarist (May 7). In addition to cutting back on press tickets, I am indeed making economies in other complimentaries also.

As to the pair of tickets reserved in my name, I use them to entertain on behalf of the house. If I invite personal friends, I pay for their tickets myself, and jolly expensive it is too.

Yours,
JEREMY ISAACS,
General Director,
Royal Opera House,
Covent Garden, WC2.
May 8.

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Segregated eating

From Mr Lewis Bernstein

Sir, Your leader, "Separate tables" (April 19), reminds me of a problem at the Bull at Cambridge which during the war served as a mess for members of HM Forces learning Russian at the university. All members ate the same food and tea and lined up without distinction of rank for their food and tea. However, other ranks carried their knives, forks and mugs; officers had their knives, forks and mugs laid out for them at the table and carried a teapot for their tea. A problem arose because there was one warrant officer on the course. This was solved by his having his knife and fork laid out for him at the table but he carried a mug for his tea.

Yours faithfully,
LEWIS BERNSTEIN,
36 Chester Close South, NW1.

Figuring it out

From Mr George Ball

Sir, Am I correct to assume from the experience of a recent drive that London's traffic signboards have had their basis changed? No longer, it seems to me, do "St. Pancras 1" or "Park Royal 2" refer to miles but to hours.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BALL,
The Wall House,
Wimborne Road,
Leicester.
May 7.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 8: The Right Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the National Playing Fields Association, attended a lunch, at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

His Royal Highness this afternoon presented the 1990 Templeton Prize to Professor L Charles Birch and Dr Vikas Amte (on behalf of Baba Amte) at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President and Honorary Life Fellow, this evening opened the Vaults and Conference Centre at the House of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufacturers and Commerce, 8 John Adam Street, London WC2.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 8: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Air Chief Commandant, Women's Royal Air Force, this evening attended an Air Force Board Reception on the occasion of Her Royal Highness's promotion to Air Chief Marshal which was held at the Royal Air Force Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1. Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 8: The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, today received Lady Westmorland and Lady Zetland.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 8: Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy left Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon to visit the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Ogilvy were received by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor Sir Alexander Boswell, and the Bailiff, Sir Charles Frossard. The Lady Mary Mumford is in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit London Zoo at 2.30.
The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, will attend the annual meeting at National Westminster Hall at 11.10.
The Duke of Kent will open the IBA's satellite up-link site at Chilworth, Southampton, at 10.30; visit Crawley Court, Winchester, at 11.45; and, as Visitor, will visit Silsoe College to attend the annual dinner of the Court of the Cranfield Institute of Technology at 7.10.
The Duchess of Kent will visit the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, Glasgow, at 11.30; and, as Patron of the Samaritans, will visit the Glasgow branch at 2.45.
Princess Alexandra will attend the Liberation Parade in Guernsey at 10.35.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Brown, militant Abolitionist, Torrington, Connecticut, 1800; Sir James Barrie, Kirriemuir, 1860; Lilian Baylis, founder of the Old Vic and Sadler's Wells, London, 1874; José Ortega y Gasset, philosopher, Madrid, 1883.

DEATHS: Nikolaus Zinzendorf, leader of the Moravian Church, Herrnhut, Germany, 1760; Friedrich von Schiller, dramatist and poet, Weimar, Germany, 1805; Joseph Gay-Lussac, chemist, Paris, 1850; Aldo Moro, five times prime minister of Italy, assassinated, Rome, 1978; Tenzing Norgay, Himalayan climber, 1986.

Ethiopia was annexed by Italy, 1936. The Channel Islands were liberated from German occupation, 1945.

Memorial service

Lady Eve Balfour
A memorial service for Lady Eve Balfour was held yesterday at St Marylebone Parish Church. The Rev Richard McLaren officiated and read the lesson. Mr George McRobie, President of the Soil Association, Miss Mary Langman, Wholefood Trust, Mr Patrick Holden, Director of the British Organic Farmers' and Organic Growers' Association, Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Earl Kitchener of Khartoum and Mr Lawrence Woodward, Co-ordinator of the Elm Farm Research Centre, gave addresses.

School news

Hyde Park School & Hyde Park Crescent Nursery School
To mark the completion of the New Building of the Hyde Park School & Hyde Park Crescent Nursery School, a luncheon will be held at the school on Thursday, June 28, 1990, former pupils are welcome. Tickets are obtainable from Mrs Jean Macpherson, Hyde Park School, Long Garden, Albion Street, London, W2 2PN, or tel 071 262 8487.

Reception

The Speaker
The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill held at reception at Speaker's House last night to mark the visit of the American Congressional Delegation in the Eisenhower Centennial Year. The American Vice-President and Mrs Dan Quayle, the Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern and the American Ambassador and Mrs Henry Catto were among the guests.

Westminster Abbey

Westminster Abbey will be closed to visitors on Monday May 21, Tuesday May 22 and on Wednesday May 23 until 4.45pm because of preparations for, and the ceremony of, the Installation of Knights Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr O.H. Chaldecott and Mrs S. Tower
The engagement is announced between Harry Chaldecott, of Chelsea, London, and Selina Tower, of Winkfield, Berkshire.

Captain N.H. Eeles and Miss C. Stirling Smith
The engagement is announced between Captain Nicholas Henry Eeles, Royal Artillery, son of Major A.T. Eeles, MC, and Mrs Eeles, of Beulah, and Carolyn Stirling, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Smith, of Ely, Cambridgeshire.

Mr M. Evans and Miss S.J. Voysey
The engagement is announced between Mark, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Lionel Evans, of Bishops Tachbrook, Warwickshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Voysey, of Swansea, Wales.

Mr A.M. Fisher and Miss C.L. Pearce
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs A.M. Fisher, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Claire Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.T. Pearce, of West Quantoxhead, Somerset.

Mr A.V. Gordon and Miss J.M. Whale
The engagement is announced between Adrian, only son of Mr and Mrs V. Gordon, of Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent, and Joanna, younger daughter of Mr R.J. Whale and the late Mrs M.E. Whale, of Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr C. Hartley and Miss J. Kelly
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mrs C.M. Hartley, of Colne, Lancashire, and Mr J.A. Hartley, of Blacko, Lancashire, and Jacqueline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Kelly, of Potters Bar, Hertfordshire.

Mr C.J. Iley and Miss J.A. Brown
The engagement is announced between Christopher John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D. Iley, of Surbiton, Surrey, and Jacqueline Ann, only daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs D.A. Brown, of the Royal Air Force, West Germany.

Mr C.M.V. McKenzie and Miss C.R. Hales
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs I.S.V. McKenzie, of Streatley, Berkshire, and Cathy, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Hales, of Capetown, South Africa.

Mr D.T. Meagher and Miss S.J. Jackson
The engagement is announced between David Thomas, son of Audrey and Mick Meagher, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Samantha Jane, youngest daughter of Marjorie Henrietta Don and the late Joseph Jackson, QC, of Belsize Park, London.

Mr J.A. Mitchell and Dr J.E. Stebbing
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr G.A. Mitchell, of Acaster Malbis, York, and Mrs E.M. Colville, of Staintondale, Scarborough, and Jane, younger daughter of Mrs E.D. Stebbing, of Eltham, London, and the late Dr P.F. Stebbing.

Mr J. Nicholas and Miss J.L. Fletcher
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs Norman Nicholas, of Ringwood, Hants, and Julia Louise, younger daughter of Major and Mrs Peter Fletcher, of Runcton, Chichester, West Sussex.

Mr S.J. White and Miss S.E. Johnson
The engagement is announced between Stephen Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs Arthur G. White, of Beaconsfield, Bucks, and Sophie Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael C. Johnson, of Oldbrook, Bucks.

Marriages

Mr N.T.G. Anwyl-Davies and Miss D.M.S. Durra
The marriage took place on May 8, 1990, at Chelsea Register Office between Nicolas Thomas Gustav Anwyl-Davies, son of His Honour Judge Marcus Anwyl-Davies, QC, MA, and Mrs Eva Anwyl-Davies, of St Paul-de-Vence, and Dara Mohanna Said Durra, daughter of His Excellency Ambassador Mohanna Durra and Madame Gabriella Durra, of Amman, Jordan.

Mr I.L. Hewitt and Miss J.S. Marston
The marriage took place on Tuesday, May 1, 1990, at St James Church, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, of Mr Ian Hewitt and Miss Jenifer Marston. The Rev Peter Millam officiated, assisted by Canon R.W. Davison.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother and was attended by Julia Le Nève Foster and Gemma Thomas. Mr Keith Wiseman was best man.

Mr C.G. Wells and Mrs C.M. Holland-Martin
The marriage took place in London, on Tuesday, May 8, 1990, between Mr Christopher Wells and Mrs Caroline Holland-Martin.

OBITUARIES

SIR ANTHONY WILLIAMS

Sir Anthony Williams, KCMG, British Ambassador to Argentina from 1980 until 1982 when Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands, has died aged 66 while on a visit to Poland. He was born on May 28, 1923.

THOUGH the career of Sir Anthony Williams embraced several postings which were not of the easiest and required great diplomatic skills, he will undoubtedly be remembered for the perception of his reporting of the situation in Argentina in the period which led up to the attack on the Falkland Islands in April 1982.

Williams was already an emissary of considerable experience when he went to Buenos Aires as Ambassador in 1980. After Oundle and Trinity College, Oxford, he had entered the Foreign Service in 1945. Thereafter he was in embassy postings throughout the world and on the UK Permanent Missions to the United Nations and to the 18 Nation Disarmament Conference.

His two embassies, Phnom Penh, 1970-73, and Libya, 1977-79, (with a spell between them as Minister at Rome) had given him ample taste of tasks requiring tact and restraint by the time he was translated to Argentina.

Williams was an acute observer, who from the outset showed a grasp of the situation in Argentina as it affected the Falklands issue. He immediately appreciated the sea change which took place in the psychology of government following the accession of General Galtieri as President on December 22, 1981. His first report on the change to London noted, in particular, that the Argentine Navy, which had traditionally taken the toughest line of any of the services on the Falklands, was likely to play an increasingly dominant role under the new regime. This stemmed both from Galtieri's personal friendship with the Navy's Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Anaya, and from the congenial nature of such hawkishness to a government anxious to divert public scrutiny away from events at home to some popular adventure.

Williams's reports on the situation maintained their serious tenor as the months went by. Anglo-Argentine talks on the future of the Falklands, held in New York early in 1982, appeared, superficially at least, to end with greater cordiality than some of their predecessors. But Argentine action in issuing a unilateral communiqué in advance of the agreed joint one, indicated how fragile the new accord really was. Monitoring the very tough comment in the Argentine press, Williams reported that it was clearly government inspired, and represented a hardening of policy towards the Falklands.

Williams's role was not purely passive. Both before and during the Galtieri regime he toured Argentina publicly warning that any attempt to solve the Falklands problem by force would certainly be met with force. He even repeated such warnings to Galtieri shortly before he took office.

From the middle of March 1982 onwards, when the discovery that there were unauthorized Argentine personnel on South Georgia lit the slow fuse to the final crisis, Williams's warnings maintained their gravity and perceptiveness. As talk flowed backwards and forwards and professions of sincerity of intention to end the crisis seemed to come from different sources in the Argentine Government, he was convinced that no statement could be trusted, and that Argentine policy was to let the matter drift while they built up their naval strength in the area. He was as convinced then as he had been at the outset that the Argentine Navy's desire to fight would be decisive. Amid subsequent public and Press criticism that there had been no adequate warning of the invasion of the Falklands, Williams was able to defend the British Embassy's role with conviction.

Once the talking ended and fighting began, the British Ambassador was withdrawn and Williams's job in Argentina was over. He had already warned the 17,000 British residents in the country to prepare themselves to leave.

After Buenos Aires, he spent a year as leader of the UK Delegation to the Madrid Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, and followed this with three years at Geneva, leading the UK Delegation to the UN Human Rights Commission. Latterly he was head of the British Delegation to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, whose member states, including the Soviet Union and its former East European satellites, had, to his delight, recently approved moves towards a charter for East-West trade and cooperation.

Sir Anthony leaves his widow, Hedwig Gabrielle, Gräfin Neipperg, and a son and daughter.

ANN CASSON

Ann Casson, actress and daughter of Sir Lewis Casson and Dame Sybil Thorndike, has died at the age of 74. She was born on November 6, 1915.

FOR Ann Casson there were distinct advantages and disadvantages in being the daughter of parents as famous as Dame Sybil Thorndike and Sir Lewis Casson. She was brought up in an almost claustrophobically theatrical atmosphere. She had opportunities as a child actress that, for all her own early talent, might have never been hers without the family connection. But Dame Sybil, inevitably if unwittingly, overshadowed the daughter who so closely resembled her and who seemed destined to follow her.

Ann Casson had startling blue eyes and a fair complexion. Her mother studied *Trojan Women* during her pregnancy; and when she played Hecuba at the New in 1934 she carried on, slightly improbably, the naked nine-year-old Ann as Astyanax. But this was not Ann's first appearance: at the age of six she had played Tiny Tim in *A Christmas Carol* at the Lyric and was in an OUDS production of *Peer Gynt*. Dame Sybil's attachment to Greek tragedy meant that Ann would also appear as The Child in *Medea* at the Prince's Theatre in 1927.

Ann Casson acted frequently for the Children's Theatre, including Daisy Ashford in the *Young Visiters*, and the company performed her own play *The Camwells Are Coming*, written when she was 14. In 1929 her formal education ended when she and her sister Mary accompanied their parents on tour in South Africa where she took boy parts in *Macbeth*, *The Lie* and *Jane Clegg*.

In Galsworthy's unsuccessful play *The Roof* at the Vaudeville she attracted the attention of Basil Dean, the director, who chose "little Ann Casson, an enchanting child performer" to be in his film version of Galsworthy's *Escape*. Henceforth she was almost constantly employed in the London theatre, with a break in 1932 when she toured with her parents in Egypt and Palestine. Once again she played her mother's child, Maria, in *Mrs Siddons* at the Apollo in 1933.

It was inevitable that she should play many Shavian parts throughout her long career. There were three in a row in 1935: Vivie in *Mrs Warren's Profession*, Violet in *Man and Superman* and Clara in *Pygmalion*; but she could also tackle light comedy — as Hilda in the long run of *George and Margaret* at Wyndham's in 1937, and then back to Greek tragedy at the Adelphi as Cassandra in *Trojan Women* to her mother's Hecuba.

During the Second World War she toured army camps with Martin Browne's Pilgrim Players, with ENSA and in the mining villages for CEMA (later the Arts Council) as Arthur in *King John*, the Chorus in *Medea* and as Lady Macduff. In 1943 she joined Donald Wolfit's company playing Regan in *King Lear* and Olivia in *Twelfth Night*. Twenty years after her mother's Saint Joan she played the part at the King's, Hammersmith.

Those interested in matricide will note that in 1946 as Electra she was required to murder (off-stage of course) Dame Sybil.

She married Douglas Campbell in 1947, played in repertory at Coventry and Birmingham and at the Citizen's Theatre, Glasgow, where her elder brother John was director. Now the mother of a growing family — she had three sons and a daughter — she turned to teaching at LAMDA until 1954 when the Campbells moved to Canada where she toured and also acted at Stratford, Ontario, as Saint Joan and in Shakespeare and more Shaw.

In Canada she had a go at Gilbert and Sullivan, playing the Duchess of Plaza-Toro to Campbell's Duke in *The Gondoliers*. Later they were seen at the Guthrie Theatre, Minneapolis, and when Campbell became the first director of the Crucible, Sheffield, they brought the *Shoemaker's Holiday* to the Globe on the South Bank with Campbell as Simon Eyre and Ann Casson as a sprightly Dame Marjory.

She inherited her parents' socialist adherence; she became a Roman Catholic.

PROFESSOR JOHN DINWIDDY

John Rowland Dinwiddy, Professor of Modern History in the University of London, died aged 50 on April 28. He was born on May 16, 1939.

BY THE the death of John Dinwiddy the historical world has lost a scholar who made his name for his work on early 19th century radicalism and in particular on Jeremy Bentham. Both London University and Royal Holloway and Bedford New College have been deprived of an outstanding teacher.

Dinwiddy was educated at Winchester and New College, Oxford, where he read Modern History. After three years as an assistant master at Eton his university teaching career began at Makerere University College, University of East Africa.

Returning to England, he began, as a research fellow of the Institute of Historical Research, an association with the University of London that was to last for the rest of his life. He completed his doctoral research in 1971, having by then been for two years a lecturer at Royal Holloway College. A senior lectureship in 1978 reflected in particular his devoted work as a teacher, while the readership to which he was appointed in 1983 and the professorial title conferred by the University six years later recognized his standing as a widely-respected scholar in his field.

That field was a broad one. It was, however, the history of early 19th century radicalism that he made especially his own; and it was above all in the study of the "philosophic radicalism" of Jeremy Bentham that Dinwiddy made his most important scholarly contributions. As general editor, first jointly, then alone, of *The Collected Works of Jeremy Bentham* from 1977 to 1983, he saw that huge enterprise through from a time of difficulty and near-crisis to one of accelerating achievement.

His own scholarship produced, after he had left the general editorship, two impeccably edited volumes of Bentham's correspondence. And what now has to be seen as the high point of a sadly truncated career came in 1989 with the publication of his study of Bentham for the Oxford Past Masters series: a book at once admirably lucid and concise, yet densely packed in its content and balanced in its assessment. It was the work of one who combined in a rare degree historical and philosophical understanding. The scholarship matched the man: humane, moderate, courteous, yet capable of a salutary scepticism which could temper, without extinguishing, the enthusiasms of those with whom he worked.

He leaves a widow and two daughters.

Dinners

Glaziers' Company
Sir Christopher Collett, Lord Mayor *locum tenens*, accompanied by Lady Collett and Mr Sheriff and Mrs Edwards, was a speaker at the annual livery dinner of the Glaziers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. The Master, Mr S.F. Peck, presided, assisted by the Upper Warden, Mr P.H. Trollope, and the Renter Warden, Mr D.S. Cobbett. The Upper Warden and Major-General G.B. Sinclair also spoke. Among those present were:
Mr Cranley Onslow, MP, and Lady June Onslow, Sir Peregrine and Lady Rhodes, Sir William and Lady Barlow, Mr Deputy B L Morgan, Michèle Countess Gratzoff and the Masters of the Painter-Stainers', Glass Sellers', Tobacco Pipe Makers' and Tobacco Blenders', Scientific Instrument Makers', Launderers', and Merchant Taylors' of York Companies and their ladies.

Women's Advertising Club of London
Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Minister for Health, was the guest speaker at a dinner given by the Women's Advertising Club of London last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mrs Lorna Winstanley, president, was in the chair.

Luncheon

National Playing Fields Association
The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the National Playing Fields Association, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel to mark the launch of the association's Action for Play Appeal. The Earl of Stockton and Mr Sebastian Coe, joint chairmen of the appeal, and Mr Gyles Brandreth, chairman of the association, also spoke.

Service dinner

The Royal Corps of Signals
Major-General A. Yeoman, Representative Colonel Commandant of The Royal Corps of Signals, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the London International Press Centre. Major-General J.M.W. Badcock, Master of Signals, was among those present.

Service luncheon

The Queen's Regiment
Major-General M.F. Reynolds, Colonel of The Queen's Regiment, presided at an Officers' Club luncheon held yesterday at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea.

SCIENCE REPORT

Solo life for microbes

THE discovery that the microbes responsible for many of the world's most debilitating diseases do without sex has deep implications for medical research and disease management.

The findings of a new study of the genetics of some of these organisms by Francisco J Ayala of the University of California, Irvine, and his colleagues, are published in the latest *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (vol. 87, pp. 2414-2418).

Analysis of the genetics of natural populations of twelve species of parasitic single-celled protozoa, including the sleeping sickness agent *Trypanosoma brucei* and the malarial parasite *Plasmodium falciparum*, suggests that asexual reproduction is the rule rather than the exception. In other words, a microbe will reproduce by splitting into two new microbes, each one genetically identical to the parent.

This is a surprise because these organisms are quite capable of reproducing sexually in the laboratory.

Sex is a process in which two organisms meet to swap genetic information, so that their offspring will inherit a combination of the traits of both parents. By mixing the genes, sex ensures that there is sufficient variety in a population to make a species adaptable in times of crisis, such as the outbreak of an epidemic. By the constant shuffling of genes, a species of organisms which habitually reproduce sexually tends to evolve much more rapidly than one which does not.

A population of asexual organisms is, in contrast, very boring in terms of its genetics. All the individuals in it are carbon copies of one another and their ultimate parent. They may as well be thought of as a single individual, or "clone". Strictly asexual, or "clonal" species can evolve only by the accumulation of random mutations, without help from gene shuffling.

It used to be thought that bacteria (simpler yet than protozoa) were clonal in the sense that they did not routinely exchange genetic information. But in 1946, Joshua Lederberg and E. L. Tatum showed that bacteria could have sex. The microbes under the scrutiny of Ayala and colleagues are much more complicated than bacteria. Their genetic material is housed in discrete packages within the cell — the nuclei — and they generally have two copies of every gene. Sexual reproduction is often thought to be very much more common in organisms with this level of organization: compared with a bacterial cell, trypanosomes are not so very different from human cells.

But Ayala's results would be very odd indeed were they to concern organisms in which sexual reproduction was routine. Time after time, the researchers found that microbes of a particular species sampled from one country had exactly the same genetic constitution as microbes found thousands of miles away, as if they were twins — or clones.

Although the researchers by no means suggest that these microbes reproduce exclusively asexually under natural conditions, the new work argues for an entirely different approach to the management of the diseases they cause. Researchers should not classify these organisms as conventional species, because the classification of habitually asexual species is rather arbitrary.

Instead, parasitic protozoa should be looked on as a collection of clonal populations, each one with its own defined set of genetic and — presumably — pathological properties. Clinicians could then focus their treatments on definite strains rather than nebulous "species" of microbe.

Henry Gee

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Latest wills

Mr John Bentley **Heddle**, MP, of London SW1, Conservative MP for Mid-Staffordshire, left estate valued at £3,641,523 gross, £12,420 net.

Mr Harold Desmond Robert **Ridgeon**, of Fulbourn, Cambridgeshire, late company director, left estate valued at £12,207,349 net.

Mr Brian Edmund **Reade**, of St Marychurch, Torquay, Devon, former curator at the Victoria and Albert Museum, and principally known for his expertise on Aubrey Beardsley, left estate valued £402,560 net.

Dr Hildegard **Schachmann**, of Isleworth, west London, left estate valued at £463,407 net. She left certain effects and other bequests to personal legatees, and the residue to the University of London, to be called the Goldberg-Schachmann Memorial Fund, for grants to students involved in medical research.

Mr Samuel Arthur **Clarke**, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, left estate valued at £1,369,826 net.

Diane Dando **Allen** of Tettenhall, West Midlands, left estate valued at £910,266 net. She left £50,500 some jewellery and 1/4th of the residue to personal legatees, and the remainder to charity.

Lincoln's Inn

Awards 1990

Major scholarships
Miss J A Smith, Christ Church, Oxford; Miss J Johnston, Trinity Coll, Cambridge; Miss C J Shelley, Downing Coll, Cambridge; Miss L C Simpson, Birmingham Poly/Kings, London; R J Barton, St Peters, Oxford; E J F Simpson, Christ Church, Oxford; Miss E M Power, Trinity Coll, Cambridge/Virginia University; J E Small, Nottingham Univ; Miss J Wicks, Hertford Coll, Oxford; R H Davies, Birmingham Univ; H C Davies, Pembroke Coll, Oxford; Miss A E M Lindsley, Durham Univ; B D Martin, Leicester Univ /Toronto Univ; T M J Butterfield, Christ Church, Oxford; Miss R C Smith, Leeds Univ; Miss A M Piercy, Leeds Univ; Mrs K J Walden Smith, Clare Coll, Cambridge.

Major bursaries
I A Clarke, Newcastle Univ; Miss F T Mowbray, St Edmund Hall, Oxford; Miss K L Walton, Kings, London; E D Beever, Merton Coll, Oxford; P G Brinkworth, Swansea Univ; Miss J A Cheetham, Nottingham Univ; Miss C Elliott, Birmingham Univ; M J Vanhegan, Trinity Coll, Cambridge; K Morton, Hull Univ; H McKay, Leeds Poly/Kings, London; D A O'Sullivan, Durham Univ; S J Reevell, Manchester Poly; M Rutherford, Cardiff; M Thomas, Hull Univ/London; M P B A Willems, Nottingham Univ; H J Wilcomb, Durham Univ; D J Beard, South Bank Poly; Miss S E Boothroyd, Newcastle Univ; P A Creaner, South Bank Poly/Lancs Poly; A J Higgins, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford; A P Jackson, Trinity Coll, Cambridge; Mrs E M B Joyce, Univ of Kent at Canterbury; Miss K A Sayal, Sheffield Univ; H T de Rijke, Keele Univ; Miss S E Whiley, Lancashire Poly; Miss R I E Lesser, Birmingham Poly; A J Cutler, Brunel Univ.

Pre-pupillage awards
S Adamyk, Downing Coll, Cambridge /Harvard; P A Gott, Downing Coll, Cambridge/Brasenose, Oxford; R J L Coleman, Corpus Christi, Cambridge; R A Harrison, Robinson Coll, Cambridge; Miss J Dean, Churchill Coll, Cambridge; Miss J Bignell, Downing Coll, Cambridge; A P D Walker, Trinity Coll, Cambridge; G Morpuss, Birmingham Univ.

Bursaries
S A Steel, Corpus Christi, Cambridge /Chicago; Miss C Blepham, Leicester Univ; J M Snell, Oriel Coll, Oxford; J Hage, York Univ; A S Hudson, Kings, London; V J H Flynn, Trinity Coll, Cambridge; A Raval, Robinson Coll, Cambridge; Miss A V Buckley, Regents Park Coll, Oxford; J Corman, Corpus Christi, Cambridge; J D Gavaghan, Worcester Coll, Oxford; N G Jones, Peterhouse, Cambridge; Miss A E Meech, Bristol Poly /Cambridge; R Pershad, Univ Coll London; A R Piper, York Univ; Miss E L Reid-Chalmers, Birmingham Poly; Miss R D Scott, Australian Nat Univ/Corpus Christi, Oxford; M R Trafford, Brunel Univ; Miss S E Grantham, Somerville, Oxford; C P Jones, New Coll, Oxford; Miss J C Jones, Birmingham Univ; J S Lewis, Braesnose, Oxford; P H Lonergan, Fitzwilliam Coll, Cambridge; Miss S A Max, Kings Coll, Cambridge; Miss C L Middleton, Newcastle Univ; Mrs C E Muller, Kings Coll, Cambridge; M R A Persad, Hull Univ; Mrs P M Pratt, Liverpool Univ; I Ward, Keele/Cambridge/Toronto; C Sioner, Univ of E Anglia; P Greenwood, Jesus Coll, Oxford; Miss K M Purkiss, Balliol, Oxford; R D Meade, Univ Coll, Oxford; L A F Bentley, Pembroke Coll, Oxford; M J Collins, Poly of East London; K G E Brinkworth, Trinity Hall, Cambridge; Miss P A Durston, Birmingham Univ; Miss L F Edwards, Somerville, Oxford; Miss S L Gaunt, Univ of Wales; Miss N J Gray, Univ Coll, Oxford; M K A Mann, Girton Coll, Cambridge; Miss C Hilder, Trinity Hall, Cambridge; M J Smith, Trinity Hall, Cambridge; B D O'Kelly, Trinity Coll, Dublin; Miss K A E Shuman, Birmingham Univ; J F G Mansell, Birmingham Univ; R A Hall, Merton Coll, Oxford; A J M Mitchell, Leeds Univ; Miss M H O'Malley, Univ of Kent at Canterbury; Miss D R Cram, Wolverhampton Poly; Miss E J Pennington, Mansfield Coll, Oxford; M C Redburn, Leeds Poly; D T J McCahill, St Catherine's Coll, Cambridge.

Diploma awards
Miss A L Whyte, Worcester Coll, Oxford; D M Stiltz, New Coll, Oxford; P J Madden, Univ of Kent at Canterbury; M P Sheehan, Oriel Coll, Oxford; C T Ball, Open Univ/LSE.

Hardwicke entrance scholarships awarded Hilary term 1990
L A F Bentley, Pembroke Coll, Oxford; Miss C Blepham, Leicester Univ; J A Hayes, Pembroke Coll, Oxford; P H Lonergan, Fitzwilliam Coll, Cambridge; J F G Mansell, Birmingham Univ; Miss A E Meech, Bristol Poly/Cambridge; G Morpuss, Birmingham Univ; K Morton, Hull Univ; R Pershad, Univ Coll, London; A H Raval, Robinson Coll, Cambridge; Miss K A E Shuman, Birmingham Univ; V J H Flynn, Trinity Coll, Cambridge.

Birthdays today

Mr Richard Adams, author, 70; Mr Alan Bennett, dramatist, 56; the Right Rev C.W.J. Bowles, former Bishop of Derby, 74; Mr Justice Cooke, 64; Mr Terry Downes, boxer, 54; the Rev Professor C.W. Dugmore, ecclesiastical historian, 81; Mr Albert Finney, actor, 54; Mr Carlo Maria Giulini, conductor, 76; Mr Pancho Gonzales, tennis player, 62; Dr Douglas Guest, organist, 74; Vice-Admiral Sir John Hayes, former Lord-Lieutenant of Ross and Cromarty, Skye and Lochalch, 77; Sir Geoffrey Holland, civil servant, 52; Mr Richard Houghton, racehorse trainer, 50; Miss Glenda Jackson, actress, 54; Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Janvrin, 75; Mr Billy Joel, singer, 41; Sir Francis Kennedy, diplomat, 64; General Sir Peter Leng, 65; Lord Justice Lloyd, 61; Mr Gavin Lyall, author, 58; Miss Geraldine McEwan, actress, 58; Dr Alistair MacFarlane, principal and vice-chancellor, Heriot-Watt University, 59; Sir Philip Mansfield, diplomat, 64; Sir David Plastow, chairman, Vickers, 58; Dr Bernard Rose, organist, 74; Mr Patrick Ryecart, actor, 38; Admiral Sir Victor Smith, 77.

Lord McAlpine of Moffat

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Rt Hon The Lord McAlpine of Moffat will be held at St Paul's Cathedral at 11.30 am on Wednesday, May 16, 1990.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Obey faithfully all the laws that I have given you: love the Lord your God, do everything he commands and be faithful to him.
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BIRTHS

ANDERSON - On May 1st, to Emily (née Astor) and James, a son, Thomas Alexander.

BATES - On May 2nd, at Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, to Michael and Carole (née Whitfield), a son, Alexander Walton. A brother to Matthew.

BLACKBURNE - On May 2nd 1990, at The Portland Hospital, to Gerda (née Hobl) and Denis, a son, Patrick.

CARTWRIGHT - On Friday, May 4th in Strasbourg, to Ann and Tim, a son, Nicholas Timothy John, a brother for Alexander and Jamie.

CATMULL - On May 4th, at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, to Jane and Richard, a son, a brother for Elice.

COLLINS - On Sunday April 29th, to Emma (née Cooper-Key) and Jamie, a daughter, Elspeth Peggy.

DOIG - On April 25th, at Canterbury, to Catherine and Michael, at last a daughter, Isla Jane.

FAUGH - On April 28th, at The Portland Hospital, to Elisa and Craig, a son, Joel Francis Alex, a brother for Gemma and Jamie. Everyone thrilled with the arrival.

FORD - On April 30th, to Elizabeth (née Pennington) and Graham, a daughter, Lily Grace Florence.

GLYN DAVIES - On April 30th, at the Humana Hospital, Wellington, to Hewlett and Jane (née Elmer-Smith), a daughter, Anna Camilla Murray, a sister for Robert Piers.

HAWKINS - On May 2nd, to Zilla and Michael, a son, Rupert George, a brother for Alice, Hannah, Martha, Matilda and William.

HOLMES - On May 4th 1990, to Alicia (née Rolston) and Nicholas, a son, William Frank Dinsmore.

KIRKMAN - On May 4th 1990, at St Luke's Hospital, Guildford, to Carolyn (née Hough) and Crispin, a son, Alexander Charles Hough.

LAMB - On May 6th 1990, at Northampton, to Allan and Lindsay, a son, Richard Edward Thomas, a brother for Katie-Ann.

LIEBMAN - On May 4th, at The Portland Hospital, to Anne-Grete and Leon, a daughter, Lisa Rebecca Anne.

LUCE - On May 2nd 1990, at Exeter, to Thérese (née Briggs) and Henry, a daughter, Polly Tara.

MACHON - On May 3rd 1990, to Helen Louise and Peter, a daughter, Emilie Francesca, 8lbs 4oz at 7.39 pm, a sister to Thomas James.

MILTON - On May 1st, at St John's Hospital, Chelmsford, to Ria, a daughter, Myfanwy-May Roya.

MONEY - On May 4th 1990, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Hannah and Lorn, a daughter.

MOSLEY - On May 1st, to Nicola (née Sim) and John, a daughter, Georgia Louisa, in Oklahoma.

PELTZ - On May 5th, at The Portland Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Wolfson) and Daniel, a son, Maximillian Ernest.

PHILLIPS - On April 26th, at The Portland Hospital, to Gillian (née Taub) and Wayne, a daughter, Charlotte Olivia.

PHILLIPS - See Cartwright.

RABAN - On April 19th, to Nicky (née Shamash) and Tom, a son, Oliver James.

REATCHLOUS - On May 1st 1990, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Bee (née Elworthy) and James, a daughter, Henrietta Mary Elizabeth.

SALEM - On Thursday May 3rd, at The Portland Hospital, to Beno and Daniella (nee Zeitouni) a daughter, Nathalie Sarah. We are delighted.

SILVERTON - On May 4th, to Robyn (nee Flaxman) and Ashley, a daughter, Hannah Jane. Thanks to all at The Rosie, Cambridge.

TAYLOR - On May 7th 1990, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Tina and Ian, a daughter, Leonie Pascale, a sister for Justin.

THISTLETHWAYTE - On April 27th, to Harriet and Thomas Thistlethwayte, a son, Oliver Seymour.

WARNES - On April 30th, to Charity (née Fann) and Jeremy, a daughter, Rachel Emily Alla.

WILLIS - On May 7th, at The Portland Hospital, to Louise (née Talbot-Weiss) and Hugh, a daughter, Victoria Emily Ramsay.

DEATHS

AYLESFORD - On May 5th, at home in London, Pamela Elizabeth, aged 88, widow of the 9th Earl of Aylesford and elder daughter of the late Hon. and Mrs Charles Coventry. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium at 12 noon on Saturday May 12th. Flowers may be sent to Kenyon's, 49 Marloes Road, W8.

BANERJEE - On Sunday May 6th 1990 very suddenly at home, Ravenstone, Ben. Very much loved husband of Rita and Daddy of Marisa, Davina and Tanya and Bubby to Dani and Ryan. Enquiries to H.W. Mason & Sons, 9 High Street, Newport Pagnell, tel: (0908) 611112.

BARRATT - On May 4th, at Saint Wilfrids Hospice, Chichester, Ronald S. Barratt D.F.C., retired senior captain, British Airways. Deeply loved by Joan and all his family. Donations to the Hospice, if wished. "The good men do lives after them".

BISHOP - On May 7th 1990, at The Evelyn Hospital, Cambridge, Ann Bishop ScD, DSc, F.R.S., Fellow of Girton College, Cambridge, in her 91st year, of Sherlock Close, Cambridge, only daughter of the late James Kimberley and Ellen Bishop of Manchester. Cremation private.

BROMLEY-DAVENPORT - On May 6th, in Sandwich, Edward, husband of the late Isabella, father of Harry and stepfather of Charles, Hilton, Elinor and Isabella. Funeral private. Family flowers only. If desired donations to the Pilgrims' Hospice, 56 London Road, Canterbury. A Memorial Service in Sandwich will be announced.

BROWN - On May 7th 1990, Richard F.R.I.C.S. (Dicky), of Hampstead, in hospital peacefully after a long illness. Dear husband of Muriel, loved father of Sue and Judy, grandfather and great-grandfather, will be missed. Funeral Tuesday May 15th 10.15 am, Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, 41 Eagle Street, WC1R 4AR.

BRUCE - On May 6th 1990, after an illness bravely borne, H. Frances, beloved wife of Professor F.M. Bruce of Plum's Acre, Ewhurst, Surrey, also Proprietor and Headmistress of Lindens School, Leatherhead, Surrey. Funeral service at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Ewhurst, on Friday May 11th at 3.30 pm, followed by interment at Ewhurst Cemetery.

CHAPMAN - On May 3rd, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, after a long illness bravely borne, Bobby. Beloved sister of George and wonderful friend to many. Funeral Service Thursday May 10th at 11 am at St Mary's Church, Walberton, near Arundel. Donations to MacMillan Service, King Edward VII Hospital. Memorial Service to be announced.

COLLINS - On May 6th peacefully aged 80, Peter Blumfeld Collins, father of Sarah, Jeremy, Caroline, Joanna and Charles. No flowers.

CREED - On May 5th 1990, John Leslie, of Lancaster University, son of the late Canon John Martin and Geraldine May Creed, of Cambridge and Ely. Dearly loved husband of Jean and father of Frances, Catherine, Hugh and Philip. Funeral at Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre on Thursday May 10th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Care, Lancaster, via funeral directors. Enquiries: Preston Ireland Bowker, Chapel Street, Lancaster, LA1 1NZ, tel: (0524) 64023.

CRIPPS - On May 5th 1990, peacefully after a long illness, Bernard Louis, aged 84. Much loved and deeply missed by his daughters Alison and Stephanie and their families. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, Monday May 14th at 2 pm (East Chapel). Enquiries to T.A. Ellement & Son Ltd., 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, tel: (081) 866 0324.

D'ARCY - On May 7th 1990, peacefully, Sister Elisabeth. Requiem Mass at The Convent Of The Sacred Heart, Digby Stuart College, on Monday May 14th at 2 pm, followed by burial at Putney Vale Cemetery. Rest in Peace.

DOW - On May 5th, peacefully, Andrew Dow M.B.E., aged 77, dearly loved husband of Doris and father of Frances. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Garrison Church, Aldershot, on Friday May 11th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to B.C.E.L., 48 Pall Mall, London.

FISHER - On May 8th, Francis St George of Cragg, Cockermouth, aged 79. Widower of Patricia (Lyon) and Betty (Wilson-Young) and beloved father of Keith, Lucy and Lee. Funeral at Setmurthy on Saturday May 12th at 2.30 pm.

GAMMIE - On May 6th, peacefully at St Richard's Hospital, Chichester, Robert Petrie Gammie O.B.E., M.D., M.R.C.G.P., in his 90th year, beloved husband of the late Margaret (Peggy), dearly loved father of Bill and grandfather of Walter and Catherine. Service Chichester Crematorium, Friday May 11th at 4.30 pm. Family flowers only.

GILL - On Saturday May 5th, peacefully at home, at Walberswick, nr Southwold, Suffolk, Marjorie M., aged 95. Widow of Edward. Cremation on Friday May 11th at 1 pm at Gorleston Crematorium, nr. Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

GRIFFITH - On May 8th 1990 Ifor Bowen C.B.E. (I.B.) peacefully at his home. Beloved husband of Rowena and father of Huw and Sara.

GRIMSDEN - On May 2nd 1990, Francis Brian Sylvester, known to his friends as Brian and late of Sherbourne, peacefully in Rush Court Nursing Home, Wallingford, Oxon., aged 82 years. Funeral Service will be on Thursday May 10th at Oxford Crematorium, 3 pm. Floral tributes to R & H Barker, 40 Wantage Road, Didcot, Oxon.

HEWER - On May 5th, at her home in Chilcomb after a long illness borne with great courage and determination, Elizabeth Anne, aged 73, beloved wife of the late Tom Hewer. Funeral Service at Chilcomb Parish Church on Tuesday May 15th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Andrew's Church, Chilcomb, Winchester.

HILL - On May 7th, peacefully, in her 94th year, Dorothy Jessie, beloved wife of the late Edward Hill and mother of Julius, Jennifer and David. Funeral at 11 am on May 10th at Eltisley Parish Church, Cambridgeshire.

HUGHES - On May 4th 1990, David Leslie C.B.E., F.R.C.V.S., of Ty Maen, Llwyn-y-Rhos, Llanrhaeadr, Denbigh, Clwyd, tragically as a result of a road accident, cherished husband of Jean Mavis Hughes, loved stepfather of Patricia Mary Holliday and much loved by all his family. Funeral Service at Llanrhaeadr Church, Monday May 14th at 1.15 pm, followed by cremation at Colwyn Bay at 3 pm. No flowers, donations in lieu kindly accepted towards Liverpool University Veterinary Hospital, c/o Ivor Howatson & Son, Ruthin Road, Denbigh. (074571) 2061.

HUGHES - On May 5th, His Honour W.H. (Billy) Hughes, peacefully at home, from cancer. Private funeral. No flowers, please. Memorial Service, early July, in London.

JONES - On May 5th, peacefully in Guernsey, Percy Frank, aged 87 years, dearly loved husband of Alison. Private cremation in Guernsey. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if desired to the Treasurer of the R.N.L.I. Board of Administration, Bulwer Avenue, St Sampson's, Guernsey, Channel Islands. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on the mainland at a date to be announced.

KAYE - On May 5th 1990, in Vancouver, Christopher Henry, husband of Beryl and stepfather of Peter and William Wigram. Letters to Site 19, General Delivery, Mayne Island B.C. Van 2J0 Canada.

LAW - On May 6th, suddenly, Dr. Harry D. Law, aged 59, President of Portsmouth Polytechnic.

LAWRENCE - On May 7th, Ashley MacDonald, Conductor, suddenly in Tokyo. Much loved brother of Noeline Plant and admired friend. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Service to be announced. Enquiries to Blimes Hawkins & Co. (081) 546 7277.

LESSING - On May 6th, suddenly, at his home in Scarsdale, N.Y., Fred Lessing, aged 75, dearly beloved husband of Helen and devoted father of Joan and Pamela, grandfather of Elizabeth and Paul Friedman.

LENOX-CONYNGHAM - On May 6th, Alwyn Douglas, Captain R.N., aged 82 years. Beloved husband of Peggy and father of Charles, Andrew and Gerald. Memorial Service in St George's Church, Benenden, Kent, on Wednesday May 16th at 11.30 am. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to The Bible Reading Fellowship, Warwick House, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W OPP.

MacGREGOR OF CARDNEY - On May 5th, 1990, in his sleep at home, Malcolm Findanus MacGregor of Cardney, aged 82. Funeral private. Memorial Service at 12 noon on Saturday May 12th at Cardney.

MACLEOD - On May 6th 1990, at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, without pain, Eileen Mary, wife of T. Macleod (1929-1990), Ardvreck, Avoch, Ross-shire. Funeral private. No flowers please.

MARSDEN - See Bruce.

MARSH - On Friday May 4th, Maisie (Pat), aged 69, late of Wollaton Village, Nottingham. Widow of the late Professor David Marsh. Always remembered by Dennis, Peter, Ann, Nicholas, William and Anthony. Funeral Service and cremation at Bramcote Crematorium, Nottingham, on Friday May 11th at 12 noon. Family flowers only by request. Donations may be sent to The Woodland Trust.

MCLEAN - On May 6th, at the Royal Infirmary, Perth, in her 90th year, Dorothy Margaret. Much loved Nanny and friend of Kathini Graham and her children - Virginia, Charles and Hugh Graham.

MIKE - On May 7th 1990, Rosemary Ann, peacefully after a prolonged illness. Beloved wife of Victor and adored mother of Christopher, Susie, Anna and Celia and guardian to Nigel. The love she gave was immeasurable. Details of the funeral to which all friends are welcome can be obtained from William's of Evesham (0386) 446186.

MOSSOP - On May 7th 1990, at home, Richard, dearly loved and loving husband of Gwyrie and father of Andrew, Rachel, David and Matthew. Funeral Service at St Leonard's Church, Exeter, on Monday May 14th at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to either Sidmouth Hospital Comforts Fund or to Interserve, 186 Kennington Park Road, London, SE11 4BT.

NAISBY - On May 1st 1990, peacefully, John Reginald (Rex), in his 90th year. Beloved husband of Joan. Cremation has taken place. No letters please.

NICOLLS - On May 7th 1990, peacefully in her 93rd year, in Devonshire, in the company of her family, Lilian Mary (née May), widow of the late Alfred Charles Victor, mother of Clive and Colin, grandmother of Jeremy, Jackie, Judie, Jill, James, John, Benjie and Jonathan. Funeral Service on Saturday May 12th at 11 am at St Andrew's Church, Whitchurch, Tavistock, Devon.

OLIVER - On May 2nd 1990, at Eastbourne, Winifred (Win), widow of George. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Monday May 21st at 3 pm.

OPPENHEIMER - On Sunday May 6th, peacefully after a short illness at Cromwell Hospital, London, Anne (Norah Elizabeth), aged 79. Much loved mother of Elizabeth, Diana and Margaret. Private funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday May 11th at 9.30 am. Donations may be sent to Cancer Research Campaign.

PASLEY-TYLER - On May 6th, peacefully, Haroldine, of Coton Manor, aged 75, most dearly loved wife of Commander Henry Pasley-Tyler C.B.E., R.N. (retd) and mother of Ian, Robert and Henrietta and grandmother of Alexandra, Guy, Imogen, Alicia, Stephanie and Harold. Funeral 3 pm at St Deny's Church, Ravensthorpe, Northampton, on Friday May 11th. Family flowers only. If desired donations to:- 'Ravensthorpe Church Restoration Appeal'.

PATERSON - On May 7th 1990, peacefully at her son's home in Norwich, Veronica Andrea Maria, aged 82 years, of Haywards Heath, in Sussex. Dearly loved wife of the late Andrew, mother of David, mother-in-law of Angela and dear Grannie of Andrew, Shona, Ruth and Helen. Funeral Service and interment at St Walstan's Catholic Church, Costessey, on Monday May 14th at 11 am. Any enquiries please to Gordon Barber Funeral Directors, tel: (0603) 484308.

RADFORD - On May 6th, peacefully at Thames Bank, Nancy Archbold Radford, nee Neill, formerly of Pangbourne, Berkshire. Eldest daughter of the late Alan and Marjorie Neill; widow of Berbe, mother of George. Funeral 12 noon, Friday May 11th, Pangbourne Parish Church. Family flowers only but donations, if so inclined, to Pangbourne Parish Church.

REMNANT - On May 7th, Norah Susan, widow of Robert John Farquharson, 2nd Baron Remnant, peacefully after a short illness. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Wargrave, on Monday May 14th at 3 pm.

ROBERTSON - On May 4th, Jean (Douglas-Mann), widow of Andrew, sister of Bruce, Keith and Stewart. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Barcombe, E. Sussex, on Monday May 14th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, c/o Douglas-Mann & Co., 33 Furnival Street, EC4A 1JQ.

SAVAGE - On May 4th, tragically in an aeroplane accident in Kenya, Julian, aged 36, beloved son of Pam and the late Keith Savage and brother of Andrew. Sadly missed by all his relatives and friends. Funeral in Kenya. A Memorial Service will be held later in London.

SMITH - On May 6th, Diana (nee Watkin), in her 88th year, beloved wife of Hubert Smith, formerly Chief Agent of the National Trust.

SMITH - On May 6th 1990, in her 86th year, peacefully, after devoted care at Caughey-Preston Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand, Prudence Mary, much loved wife of the late Captain T.M. Smith OBE, Royal Navy. Donations, if desired, to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 28 Westgate Street, Bath, Avon.

SPENCE - On May 7th peacefully at home, William Robert, much loved husband of Zelda, devoted father of Christine and Michael and grandfather of Tatanya, Dario, Steven and Andrew. Funeral Service at Slough Crematorium on May 11th at 10 am.

WATSON - On May 3rd, Aubrey, peacefully at The Chiltern Hospital, Great Missenden, Bucks. Funeral Service will take place at The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, at 10.30 am on Thursday May 10th. No flowers please. Donations if desired to, Guide Dogs for the Blind, 9 Park Street, Windsor, Berks.

WILKIE - On May 3rd, in Epping, Dr. Duncan Wilkie OBE, MRCS, LRCP, aged 75, after disability and illness borne with great fortitude over many years. Much loved husband of Mary; devoted father of John, Christine, Peter and Gerard; loving grandfather of Susannah, Simon, Benedict, William, Georgia and Isabel. Requiem Mass May 10th at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Epping, followed by private family funeral.

WILLIAMS - On May 7th 1990, suddenly in Gdansk, Poland, Sir Anthony James K.C.M.G. of Jolly's Farmhouse. Husband of Hedwig and father of Minette and Benedict. Funeral arrangements by C. Waterhouse and Sons, Burwash, East Sussex. (0435) 882219.

WILLIAMSON - On May 5th, peacefully at The Dower House Nursing Home, Headbourne Worthy, Winchester, Rosalie Mary Glynn (Rosemary), aged 87, formerly of East Grinstead. Much loved sister of Beatrice and Irene and aunt of Susan, Hilary, Neil and Poppet. Funeral private.

WORRALL - On May 5th, John Robert Clemson, of Stapleford, (ex Head Brewer, E.A. Breweries). Beloved husband of Margaret (Peggy), loving father to Ann and Nicola and grandfather to Laura, Alice and Melissa. Funeral enquiries to H.A. Harold and Son, (0722) 21177. Donations in lieu of flowers to the MacMillan Unit, Odstock Hospital, Salisbury.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BRAITHWAITE - Richard Bevan F.B.A., M.A., Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, Emeritus Knightbridge Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Cambridge. A Memorial Service will be held in King's College Chapel on Saturday May 26th at 2.30 pm.

BRASSEY - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Colonel Sir Hugh Brassey K.C.V.O., O.B.E., M.C., will be held at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, Wilton Place, London SW1, on Monday May 14th at 12 noon.

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LONDON IN MOURNING

It was to one of those messages of brief simplicity which alone fit a great human calamity that London awoke on Saturday. "The King is dead" was all the announcement made — all that could be made — at the gates of Buckingham Palace on Friday night. "Death of the King" was the substituted form of the news by which, as it was loudly cried in the streets by newsboys early on Saturday morning, the majority of the people of London learned of their great loss. It was a message of national bereavement for which there had been little or no preparation. Any one walking the streets in the City in the early morning would never have guessed, if he had not heard the deep rolling tones of the great bell of St Paul's, what shadow was hovering over them. But the details of a scene of mourning which covered all London were soon filled in. Even in the front ranks of the procession of workers Cityward some emblems of mourning were to be seen; and later, as men, women, and children were borne inwards in countless numbers by tramway and train, tube and omnibus there were few who did not fittingly give some slight expression of the all-pervading sense of sorrow in their attire.

Meanwhile something more than a grey sky and the blackened buildings which are always ready to harmonize with any note of sadness framed London's pageant of mourning. Blinds which had been drawn were lowered again, for shutters that came down mourning boards went up. Many of the windows of the large West-end and City houses were thickly ruled with these black lines and inside the displays of stock of drapers, milliners, jewellers, and outfitters underwent a rapid transformation to meet the requirements of a nation in mourning ...

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The shadow caused by the day's news seemed to deepen as the light faded. The crowds survived until the early evening; but no one who is at all familiar with the nightly scene, especially on Saturdays, in Piccadilly and its neighbourhood could have failed to be impressed by the change wrought later by the King's death. Streets which are usually full of animation and brilliantly lighted were dark and lifeless. The majority of the restaurants remained open, but they had no guests. The roar of traffic had ceased, and everywhere a strange silence brooded over the scene and depressed the few who witnessed it. The people had gone to mourn in their homes the loss of their King, and in many instances to set two new names in their prayers — King George and Queen Mary ...

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M A Jordan & R M Addy
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R A Segal, Liquidator
Date: 24.4.90

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R A Segal, Liquidator
Date: 24.4.90

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Edward John Wacey
25 April 1990

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30th April 1990
David Julian Buchler
Liquidator

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Simon Tait looks at the promising financial prospects of the Edinburgh Festival

Richer, brighter, busier

The dirge "Fifteen men on a dead man's chest" will be something of an anthem for Frank Dunlop in this year's Edinburgh Festival. There have been times in his seven years as director – a theatre man breaking a long line of music men in charge – when the chest seemed to be his own thorax, the breath being kicked out of it by local authorities, sponsors, critics, the arts establishment, the arts fringe, the music lobby, Edinburghers, Glaswegians, sometimes performers. A well-trod Dunlop.

The story before last year's festival was that he was ready to go, having almost resigned in the face of spiralling demands and dwindling funds. "I thought to myself 'What am I doing this for?' " He had been one of the most successful British directors on Broadway, and a potential fortune to match the one made by *Camelot* in the 1970s beckoned.

Things have changed. Not only is he back for 1990, he has funds, staff, and an enthusiastic board. And he hopes to bring his Broadway touch to the festival with his own adaptation and direction of *Treasure Island*.

There is a good deal for him to "Yo ho ho" about: his new staff structure is taking shape under Nick Dodds, general manager for just three weeks; the internationalist principle which he said had been lost in a welter of politicking has been reaffirmed; he has more venues than before; he may even be able to trim down his board from its unwieldy size of 21.

"It's so different. At last there's a bit of imagination coming into play." The district council has agreed to index-linked funding for three years and has increased its contribution for this year by 8 per cent to £650,000; the Scottish Arts Council's input is up to £553,000; Lothian, the regional authority, has come in for the first time with £100,000 in direct grant, and £50,000 in exhibition sponsorship; there is £600,000 in sponsorship alone, and last year's 72 per cent seat sales (80 per cent for the music) has provided more than £1.5 million for this year.

Frank Dunlop: Faces the 1990 Edinburgh Festival with enthusiasm

But there is still no opera house. "We're moving on that too. We might have it for next year; the district council are talking about it. They say to me, 'Why are you so angry? At least we're considering it now.' I say, 'Yes, but I haven't got it yet and I've been on about it for eight years.' "

Yesterday Dunlop announced the joint themes for 1990: Czechoslovakia and the Pacific. This week he goes to Czechoslovakia to see his hero Alexander Dubček in Bratislava, to persuade him, elections permitting, to come when the Slovak National Opera and Ballet do *Faust*, and *Prince Igor* with the full Fokine choreography. Dunlop may also see the pianist Firkusny, back in Prague this week for the first time after fleeing communism, who will perform at the festival two pieces written for him by Martinu, as well as plenty of Dvořák. The violinist Joseph Suk, too, will also take part.

But there will be nothing by the Czech playwright-president Vaclav Havel. "Why do the obvious?" says Dunlop. As so often in the past, his critics are likely to reply "Why not?"

Last year there was much uncomfortable talk about competition from 40 miles down the road, with hatchets being either buried or sharpened. "Well, we've cracked it" declares Dunlop, gaily revealing his forthcoming delights in the middle of Glasgow's own Mayfest. "The Bolshoi Opera are coming to Britain for the first time, and Glasgow and the festival are going to share them."

The massive company, complete with 120-piece orchestra, will cram itself into the Playhouse to play Prokofiev's *Duenna*. "It's the biggest thing in the festival, the biggest opera event in Britain in 1990. And it's the two cities working together. Fantastic."

After a plethora of *Macbeths* in recent years, officially there are none this time – at least so far as Dunlop knows, although Ricky Demarco's own little island treasure, his Highland *Macbeth* on the isle of Inchcolm in the Firth of Forth, is going ahead again.

There will be two productions of *Lear*, one an Indian Kathakali dance version, the other by Kenneth Branagh's Renaissance Theatre Company, which will also give *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. There will be puppets from the Guanderien company of New York, and puppetry and mime from the Frenchman Philippe Gentry.

Following the festival tradition that themes exist to be broken, Nureyev will dance with the Cleveland-San Jose Ballet Company in Gogol's *Overcoat* and as Dr Coppelius in *Coppélia*.

The Pacific, especially English-speaking foreign theatre, has been a Dunlop passion, and Australia, New Zealand, the US, Japan and Korea will be represented. Mike Leigh will direct the Australian Theatre company in Greek tragedy, and the Auckland Theatre Company is bringing its *Hedda Gabler*.

Dunlop was beaten in his search for a Scottish Pacific play until he remembered Robert Louis Stevenson and *Treasure Island*. "It's just the best: a brilliant novel, and I hadn't realized that it's practically all dialogue. We're going to turn the Assembly Hall into an all-singing all-dancing Pacific island. We'll have the traditional sea songs that Vaughan Williams arranged, and plenty of 'Fifteen men on a dead man's chest'. The finale is a great Mexican fiesta; people forget that's at the end of the book.

"It's extremely cruel in places But people are, aren't they?"

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Thumping good time guaranteed

CONCERT
Richard Morrison

Kodo Drummers
Sadler's Wells

AS ANY parent of a two-year-old child will confirm, the urge to strike a toy drum, mightily and often, is among the most basic of all creative impulses (I use the word "creative" in its trendiest educational sense). Even so, it is surprising to find one of London's major theatres booked for two weeks by a group of nearly-naked Japanese men banging drums.

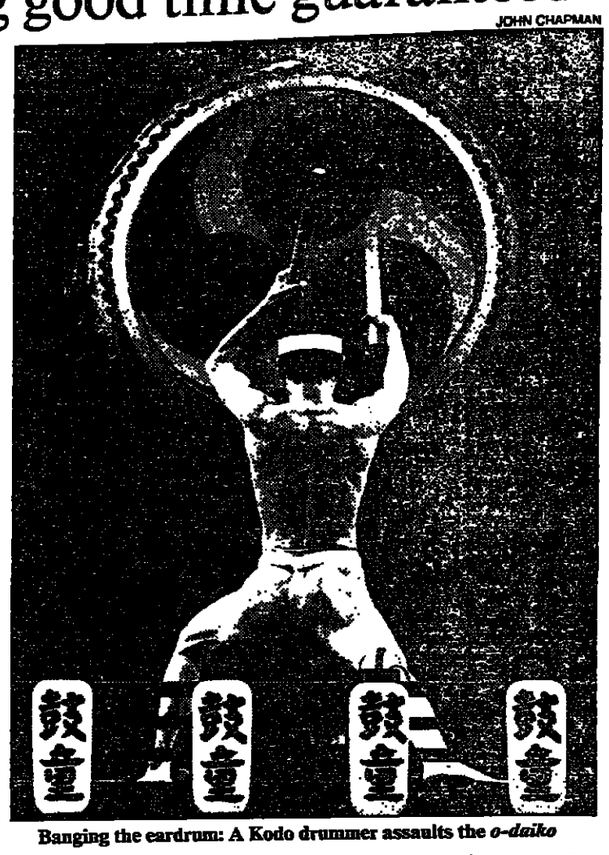
Nor is this the first time. In the last decade, Kodo have made frequent excursions to London, New York and various other dens of Western decadence from their monastic island community in the Sea of Japan. There, the performers are said to train for their 90-minute aural assaults with a range of ascetic practices: daily 20-mile runs, drinking only water from mountain streams, and so on.

Then they invoke various pre-Buddhist *Shinto* rites, involving drawing energy from the earth. They infuse a range of wonderfully carved drums with the spirits of ancient gods – and proceed to beat the hell out of them.

The best way to describe the effect of listening to six men hurling blow after blow at three *chudaiko* drums (two to a drum, superbly and subtly synchronized) is to say that it is like being sandbagged around the head and chest for 15 minutes at a time. It would probably be cheaper to buy a sandbag and have the experience administered in private, but then the spectacular visual element would be lost.

That is only the *chudaiko*. There are also the *hyoshigi*: clackers which first give a benign rattle, then grow to a frenzied clatter that sets every nerve on edge. There is, finally, the gigantic and dreaded *o-daiko*, which weighs 1,000lb, is hewn from a single tree, takes eight men to lift, and has a sonic boom which pins the listener to his seat and shakes his innards.

JOHN CHAPMAN



Banging the eardrum: A Kodo drummer assaults the *o-daiko*

The show is not so much a music lesson (though the rhythms are as intricate as anything in Stravinsky) as a demonstration of martial arts. For all the dexterity, precision and ritualistic *gravitas* of the performance, there is no mistaking what its driving ingredient is: a powerful, non-destructive streak of pure violence.

The bigger the drum, the less the players wear, and the more idiosyncratic the shape of their drumsticks. So, at the show's climax, two men in scanty loincloths attack the *o-daiko* with what appear to be skittles, accompanying themselves with many a throaty scream of "hoi-yeeaw!"

Drums are not quite everything. There is a cool quintet – very Manhattan minimalist – featuring a glockenspiel-like instrument, and then a player who clashes little finger-cymbals while dancing: a sequence which is not unlike a Spanish flamenco performer with castanets. Bamboo flutes appear, as do banjo-like *shamisen*. All that is incidental, however, in an evening which celebrates the drum in awesome style.

On the horns of moral dilemmas

TELEVISION
Sheridan Morley

INTERVIEWED by *The Sunday Times* over the weekend, a Granada producer talked with considerable company pride about a unique deal. For three nights this week, BBC 2 is giving much of its prime time to *Hypotheticals*, a Granada series in which politicians, journalists and civil servants are faced with moral dilemmas involving intrusions into private grief (Sunday), the leaking of government secrets (last night), and, coming up on Thursday, the future of television itself.

But this is not simply another case of the BBC adopting an old ITV idea, as in the recent instance of *What the Papers Say*. The format for *Hypotheticals* originated not with Granada but with Fred Friendly at Columbia University's journalism school in America, where the series' star interrogator, Arthur Miller, has been televising them for several years.

Just how good Professor Miller is at impaling journalists on the horns of their own dilemmas was evident on Sunday when he set up imaginary events closely paralleling Lockerbie and the death of Russell Harty, and invited the likes of Anthony Howard, Peregrine Worsthorne, Ann Leslie and Carol Thatcher to explain precisely how much their consciences would allow them to publish truths which might cause anguish to those left alive.

Last night, for the debate on government leaking, Charles Nesson of Harvard replaced Professor Miller, bringing similar American legal and investigative expertise to the pleasurable task of trapping British journalists and civil servants on the very borders of ethical behaviour.

Both Nesson and Miller are natural television stars, adept at inventing a scenario so close to recent actuality that uneasy journalists find themselves reliving their own shakier decisions rather than hypothesizing about some future moral problem. It is, in the end, academic whether BBC 2 or Granada continues to screen one of the best American television ideas of the last decade, so long as somebody does.

The format would have well suited last night's *Out On Tuesday* (Channel 4), which hit upon a still more topical moral dilemma but then failed to work it through. Since the death of the millionaire Malcolm Forbes in America a few weeks ago, a new word has been introduced to the transatlantic dictionary. "Outing" is a journalistic process whereby the private homosexuality of celebrated men is revealed by members of the gay community who believe secrecy to be detrimental to their cause.

Simon Fanshawe led a debate about the problems of, for instance, a homosexual MP defending, on behalf of his party, anti-gay, Clause 28 legislation without declaring his own sexuality; but the discussion was so inexpertly cast and pursued that it achieved very little.

Over on BBC 1, a new Desmond Wilcox series called *Black in Blue* started to consider the role of Asian and black recruits to the Metropolitan Police by following half a dozen of them through early training at Hendon.

Wilcox discovered that whereas 14 per cent of Londoners are black or Asian, only two per cent of its police officers are. At least he did not tell us that the thin blue line has now become an even thinner black one.

A contrast of moods

DANCE
John Percival

Compagnie Josch
The Place

HOW refreshing to find a new choreographer who, having launched his own company, has taken the trouble to compose a complete programme of short works in contrasted moods and manners.

Joachim Schlömer is German, studied at the Folkwang School in Essen (heir to the Jooss tradition) and has since danced for Pina Bausch in Wuppertal and Mark Morris in Brussels.

Knowing this, some influences in his work can be recognized, but he uses them all in his own surprising and original way.

Schlömer's style is entirely based on movement. Some predilections, especially for delicate but emphatic hand gestures, quickly reveal themselves, but each of the five works given by his Compagnie Josch develops something new.

The most ambitious work is *Shoulder to Shoulder*, based on a warlike recording of that anthem by the South Wales Striking Miners Choir, preceded and followed by variations on it played on drums by Test Department.

The seed of the dances is the tiny gesture of tugging at one's coat lapels in time to these quick rhythms, but from that grows a complex and varied pattern which quickly establishes and develops dramatic implications, too.

The other group dance, *Weg*, uses its dancers as individuals or pairs pursuing their own paths across the stage in ingenious variants of locomotion, establishing abstract patterns to music by Messiaen.

Between these pieces come solos for Schlömer and Doris Lamatsch to music by, respectively, Arvo Pärt and Messiaen. In both, the dancers travel little but establish patterns of tension, gesture and theatrical implications. His were of a lost happiness, while hers were of an intense aspiration under the influence of the night stars.

There is also a duet danced without accompaniment by Schlömer and Georg Lenhardt. Their patterns make much use of echoes and mirror images, but often confound expectation. Even the hint developed for a time of one teaching and guiding a pupil is turned on its head later.

Once more, John Ashford's Turning World season has given us the first sight of an interesting new talent.

A less-than-full house on a bank holiday evening responded enthusiastically.

Disastrous début

OPERA
John Higgins

Il trovatore
Covent Garden

WHEN the Royal Opera's *Trovatore* was new last summer, it was Manrico, in the shape of Placido Domingo, who provided the compelling reason for catching a performance. Now, in its first revival, Manrico, in the shape of Walter Donati, is reasonable cause for giving *Trovatore* a miss. This was one of the most disappointing house debuts here in a major role for some time.

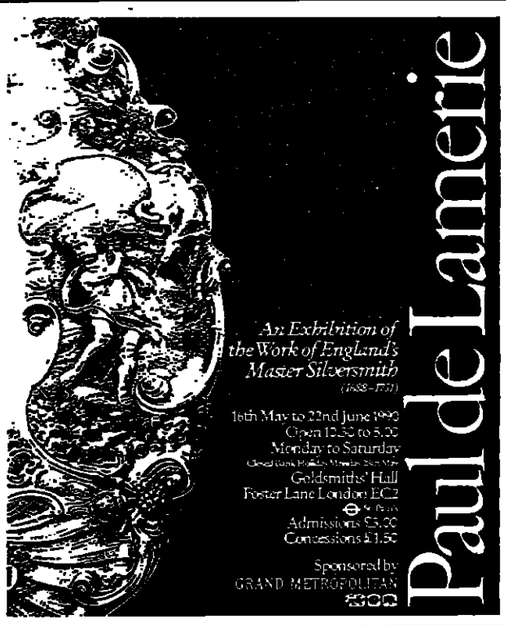
But first to the other newcomer to the production, Carol Vaness. Her very considerable reputation has been made primarily in the heavier Mozart parts. But, with this Leonora she shows that she can just as easily go into the top rank of Verdi sopranos. The opening aria showed the right combination of romantic dreaminess and vocal fireworks for the cabaletta, but she reached peak form outside the tower with the imprisoned Manrico in "D'amor sull'ali rosee" : creamy tone, rising with the orchestra, and a ravishing pianissimo phrase to close.

This was singing of the highest quality, mixed in with some imperious acting and many fine contributions to the ensemble. Carol Vaness has always been able to use her height to good effect on stage, but she has not always been able to control her very considerable soprano, especially in Verdi. That control now appears to have come, and she takes a great pace forward.

Even with a lesser soprano before him, Walter Donati's Manrico would have sounded indifferent. The first two acts were merely stodgy, but the wedding *scena* went disastrously wrong. "Ah! si, ben mio" lacked all shape and had some ugly guttural sounds. The end of "Di quella pira" simply disappeared, which prompted a cry of "All'armi" from someone upstairs who clearly wanted to hear the full piece. From then on Donati's confidence evaporated.

He took no curtain call at the end, and the management appeared to want to clear the stage of everyone else quickly before there were outbursts of disapproval. A pity, because both Eva Randova (Azucena) and Sergei Leiferkus (di Luna) were in more commanding form than a year ago.

Edward Downes had an excellent evening in the pit. Piero Faggioni was back to throw a little much-needed light on his gloomy staging, although at times it looked as though someone had dropped a bottle of milk on his clusters of volcanic rock.



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Showcase of the avant-garde

From Apocalypse to puppet theatre: **Bradford Robinson** reports on new works at this year's Munich Biennale

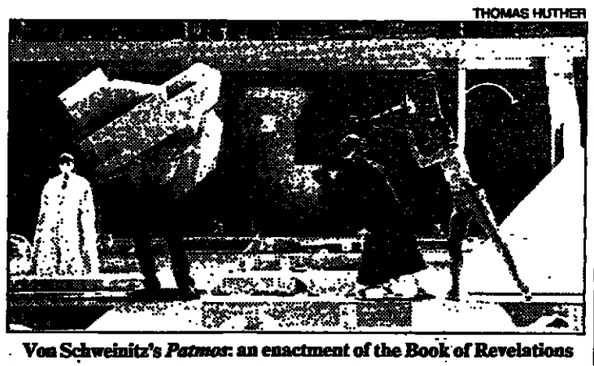
AFTER only its first week, the second Munich Biennale already shows signs of surpassing its predecessor. By the time it finishes in mid-May, no fewer than 12 new works of music-theatre will have been premièred here, some of them in productions so lavish that the city seems to be awash in subsidies. Germany, too, is apparently witnessing the beneficial effects of industrial patronage, and in BMW and Philip Morris the German avant-garde has gained some unlikely but obliging friends.

Yet it would be wrong to think of this as a German festival. Far more so than the first Biennale of 1988, the second manages to live up to its billing as the International Festival of New Music Theatre. That is evident from the backgrounds of its composers: Italian-American, Sino-Australian, Franco-Egyptian and so on. The composer Hans-Werner Henze, the festival's founder and artistic director, has assembled an impressive international array of young talent to demonstrate that avant-garde music theatre is more than a Eurocentric phenomenon.

As might be expected, his interest in the social aspect of new music is also much in evidence – a workshop for amateur composers; an opera composed by children – but it is not these intriguing sideshows that command attention so much as the five newly-commissioned operas.

Two of these are now ready. András Hamary's *Seid still*, performed for the first time on April 26, proved to be straight *Literaturoper* : a setting of a play by István Örkény which observes the effects of fascism on a remote Hungarian village.

THOMAS HUTHER



Von Schweinitz's *Patmos*: an enactment of the Book of Revelations

Here the drama was hamstrung by a discrepancy between Örkény's coarse satire and Hamary's abstract and humourless music, as well as by the insufficiently villainous fascist officer, whose principal crime against humanity seemed to be that he forced common folk against their will to manufacture cardboard boxes. A truly satirical score might have helped the listener to appreciate that he was observing, at best, a dissection of fascism *en miniature*.

More substantial, in its musical achievement and certainly in its subject matter, was Wolfgang von Schweinitz's *Patmos* (premièred on April 28), which attempts nothing less than a complete operatic enactment of the Book of Revelations, and is staged by the uncompromising East German director Ruth Berghaus.

Nothing by Berghaus can fail to fascinate, whether it be Christ dressed in a fencing outfit with mask and foil or the 144,000 elect in schoolgirl uniforms. But the director is quick to point out that she has staged an opera, not the Apocalypse, and here Schweinitz's score, which is extremely long and uniform in timbre, must come in for criticism.

Drawing on clear tonal effects, historical allusions and a simplicity of orchestral texture, the composer has sought a universally accessible monumentality, but at the price of violence which would adequately have accompanied the destruction of the known world. We are accustomed, in the operas of Philip Glass, to having grand themes stand surety for empty music. Without wishing to put Schweinitz in this minimalist category, one might ask whether a subject such as the Apocalypse ought not to strain the language of music to the utmost.

If, so far, these two major premières raise questions about ultimate value, there is no doubt that on one level the Biennale is a huge success. To accompany the five large-scale new works, Henze had the charming idea of commissioning six further pieces in the practically untried genre of puppet theatre.

Here, the severe restraints placed on the composers – no text, no singers, only eight instrumentalists – produced results as varied as they were imaginative. Julian Yu's *Der weisse Schlange*, Moritz Eggert's *Paul und Virginie*, Paolo Arca's *Lucius, Asinus Aureus* and, especially, David Lang's moving and disturbing *Judith und Holofernes*, besides having first-rate scores, showed that legend and fairytale can still provide timeless material to stimulate young composers.

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Changing taste at the top table

Is the business lunch on its last course? Nicola Murphy investigates

Three-hour, port-sodden lunches for chief executives have always been a largely British phenomenon, according to John Barraclough, an owner-director of Gastronomique, the caterer. "International businessmen are appalled by them," he says.

And, in a post-Big Bang world of cost cutting, increased health consciousness and more "democratic" management, the British businessman's perk looks increasingly threatened.

According to John Davies, publisher of *London International*, the lifestyle and businessman's magazine, the traditional business lunch is a contradiction in terms. "Client and host rarely spend three and a half hours talking about business. Suggesting a 'serious business lunch' is a bit like saying: 'I've got nothing to do for three hours and don't need to be sober for the afternoon, so why don't we talk about rugby and drink a lot?'."

Mr Barraclough has a zealot's conviction that "a different kind of streetwise, competent worker is increasingly replacing the old boy network" — if only because the diet enjoyed by the latter may have already removed many of them with heart attacks.

"A healthy executive is the sign of a healthy company," Mr Davies says. "No one is impressed by the offer of a meal nowadays. You've probably got to fly your client to watch the Monaco Grand Prix. Certainly promises of meals at Henley, Twickers or Ascot aren't going to get you far."

So, in a more health-conscious, time-conscious, cost-conscious world, is the writing on the wall for the expense account restaurant and the executive dining-room? Rodney Widdowson, managing director of The Directors Table, the West End and City caterer, notes the increase in in-house sandwich bars and brasseries. His view is confirmed by Kerry Owen, account manager at Abbott Mead Vickers, the advertising agency: "There is a sandwich culture in agencies. Normal clients are given smart sandwiches, but for new clients we bring in an outside caterer."

"Everyone eats in the same canteen," says Ann Prewer, of the London Docklands Corporation. "Even a chief executive."

Elsewhere in Docklands, directors use trolley services, have food delivered, or go out to the local pub or wine bar. Many companies do not have eating facilities at all.

But the executive dining-room has not entirely given up the ghost — it is just that the function, organization and style of food are changing. "Dining-rooms used to be a perk, giving directors a thoroughly enjoyable meal," says Marion Aitken, catering manager at McCann Erickson advertising for six years, and now a private caterer. But now, "it is no longer a fringe benefit, and is simply to entertain clients".

According to Mr Barraclough, companies have become more cost conscious during the last three to four years. "You no longer find that the executive dining-room is run by the chairman's daughter, who buys everything at Harrods. No one used to inquire whether they were cost effective. Post Big Bang they booted out the girls and hired new chefs. Now they have turned to contract caterers, who give them a budget per head, per day, and stick to it."

The style of catering has also changed. "It used to be terribly limiting: steak or salmon and all those stodgy steamed puddings which were once guaranteed to elicit schoolboy noises," says caterer Jenny Hughes-Gibbs. "Now they are appearing less and less, although they still seem to tempt stockbrokers."

BOB GANNON

"Catering used to be terribly limiting — steak, salmon and stodgy puddings": Jenny Hughes-Gibbs

Some people suspect that the real reason for the transformation of executive dining-rooms is not health, time or cost but the desire to look democratic. Sarah Talbot-Williams, of the CBI, says: "It is important for company harmony that all employees eat together." Nissan, in Sunderland, is a prime example of democratic dining. Ian Gibson, the managing director, comes to work before eight, leaves at five, wears a company uniform and goes to the canteen along with the other workers.

"Executive dining-rooms serve a function for the increasingly busy senior executive in his forties, who 20 years ago would have worked from 10 till four, and now works from eight till 6.30. They need time to talk to each other, and they do so at lunch," Mr Barraclough says.

In Mr Sheppard's view, one further factor will ensure the survival of the executive dining-room: the feelings of the staff. "Most work forces prefer an hour's peace away from the boss."

BRIEFLY

Art in craft

MORE than 200 exquisitely crafted gold, silver and silver-gilt objects, drawn from collections all over the world, will go on display to celebrate the re-opening of the lavishly refurbished Goldsmith's Hall, London, on May 16. The exhibition, which will run until June 22, is entitled "Paul de Lamerie: At the Sign of the Golden Ball", and commemorates the work of the man considered to be "England's most brilliant and prolific silversmith" during the 18th century. Admission will be £3 (pre-booked parties of 10 or more £2 per head), and the exhibition is open Mondays — except for bank holiday Monday — to Saturdays from 10.30am until 5pm.

Gold rush

BRITISH women have been buying more gold jewellery than ever, the World Gold Council reports. Figures are 28 per cent up on the same period last year, with purchases of the most expensive 18 carat gold up 20 per cent. One leading firm reports sales up 100 per cent. The council estimates that 79 per cent of all gold jewellery sales are initiated by women, while 50 per cent is actually bought by them.

Victoria McKee

Dying for a quiet time

As complaints about domestic noise soar, Britons may soon be able to take matters into their own hands

After a bank holiday weekend during which many people will have seethed and suffered their neighbours' taste in music or the non-stop barking of their dog, the news that a Government working party is to recommend the introduction of a neighbourhood noise watch scheme will come as a bit of welcome relief.

Complaints about noisy neighbours have been soaring — a result of increasingly noisy leisure pursuits, ranging from high-volume hi-fis to do-it-yourself equipment — and more cramped living conditions.

In 1986-87 (the most recent figures), 53,242 complaints of domestic noise were made to the Institute of Environmental Health Officers, compared with 17,980 a decade before.

But, as anyone who has been on the receiving end of the decibel intrusion will recognise, the reported cases do nothing to indicate the full ear-splitting extent of the problem.

"Most people are reluctant to do anything about noisy neighbours because generally it makes things worse than they really are," says Les Fothergill, head of sound insulation research at the Department of the Environment's Building Research Establishment (BRE).

"They prefer to suffer in silence."

A recent BRE survey showed that the public is far more annoyed by noisy neighbours than by traffic or aircraft. Music and dogs head the list of irritations (34 and 33 per cent respectively) followed by domestic activities such as talking (15 per cent) and do-it-yourself (5 per cent). Most problems occur in houses converted into flats, with adults making the most noise and teenagers coming second. People in the 20 to 30 age group are the most affected by noise — possibly because they are likely to have small children.

"We've found that when people are bothered by noise, they can be *very* bothered," Mr Fothergill says. "There is some evidence that visits to the doctor increase, and noisy neighbours can cause violence and even the occasional murder — in fact, about one a year."

So concerned are doctors about the medical effects of noise that tomorrow a Bupa symposium will examine whether a noisy environment is damaging to health.

People bothered by noisy neighbours can contact their environmental health officer, who will use a noise meter to measure the level. If the officer feels it is unreasonable, he or she will serve a noise abatement notice. If the notice is ignored, the matter becomes a criminal offence and can be taken to court. Recent legislation has increased the maximum fine from £2,000 to £20,000, but the difficulty of producing evidence means that few cases ever reach court.

"The law is based on nuisance, which doesn't have defined limits and depends on what is reasonable in the circumstances," says Andrew Waite, an environmental solicitor. "So what may be perfectly acceptable in the centre of London in the middle of the working day may be wholly unacceptable in a rural setting in the middle of the night."

Of the 21,104 confirmed cases of domestic noise in 1986-87, 15,499 were remedied informally, 2,468 people had notices served, 216 were prosecuted and only 163 were convicted.

Even then the problem may not be solved. A family which responded to the intrusion of its neighbours' music school by banging tin trays and making catcalls was taken to court and had an injunction granted against it to prevent such behaviour.

The proposed neighbourhood noise watch scheme, one of several being considered by an independent working group set up by the Department of the Environment, would operate like neighbourhood crime watch schemes.

"The idea of the scheme is to try to create a climate in which producers of unnecessary and inconsiderate noise will have social pressure brought upon them," says Mr Waite, a member of the working party and secretary of the United Kingdom Environmental Law Association. "Clearly it will have an effect on the majority of reasonable people. Of course, there is always a minority who will refuse to comply, and for that reason the neighbourhood noise watch would bring useful social pressure to bear on inconsiderate people.

'Most people are reluctant to do anything about noisy neighbours. They prefer to suffer in silence'

"Members of the scheme will have a code of practice which they will be able to show to offenders, and if that doesn't work there would be additional evidence that could be brought to court by the other members of the group who had monitored the noisy behaviour."

The scheme could operate independently and therefore at no cost to the authorities, although Mr Waite acknowledges that "obviously it would help if there were some input from environmental health officers".

While it is accepted that excessive and repetitive noise can affect health, the extent to which it does so depends upon a person's ability to control it, according to Dylan Jones, a reader in the school of psychology at the University of Wales, College of Cardiff.

"Very often, what people find most irritating is the noise they feel other people should be controlling," Dr Jones says. "For that reason a barking dog is very irritating while a flushing lavatory is less so.

"People become more distressed if they feel other people are not acting responsibly in a situation."

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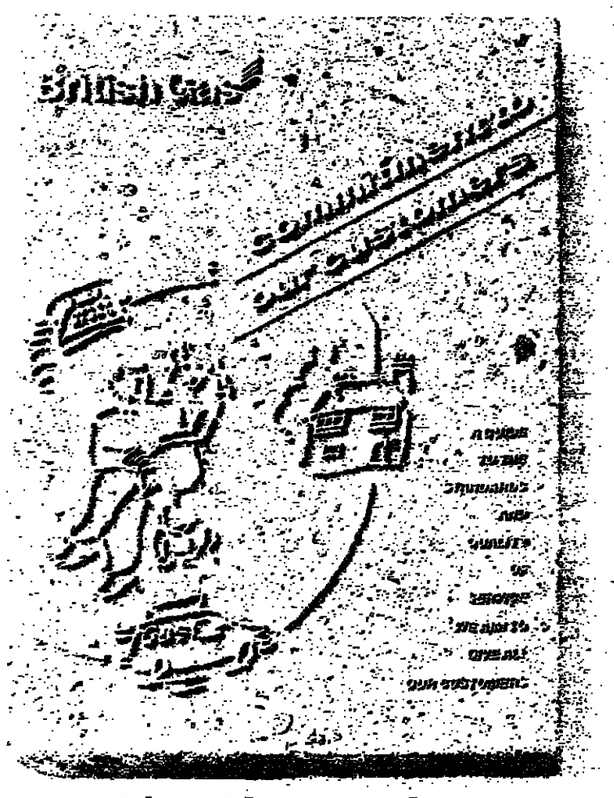

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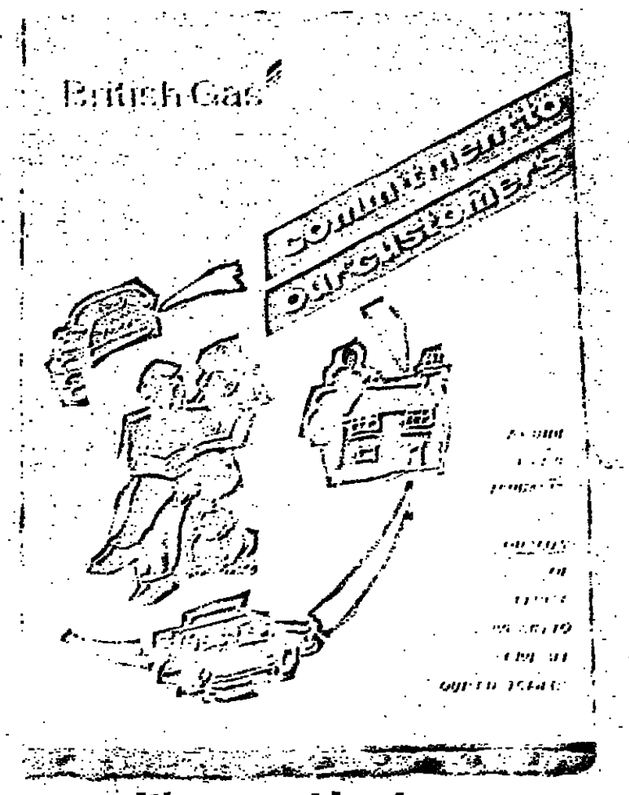

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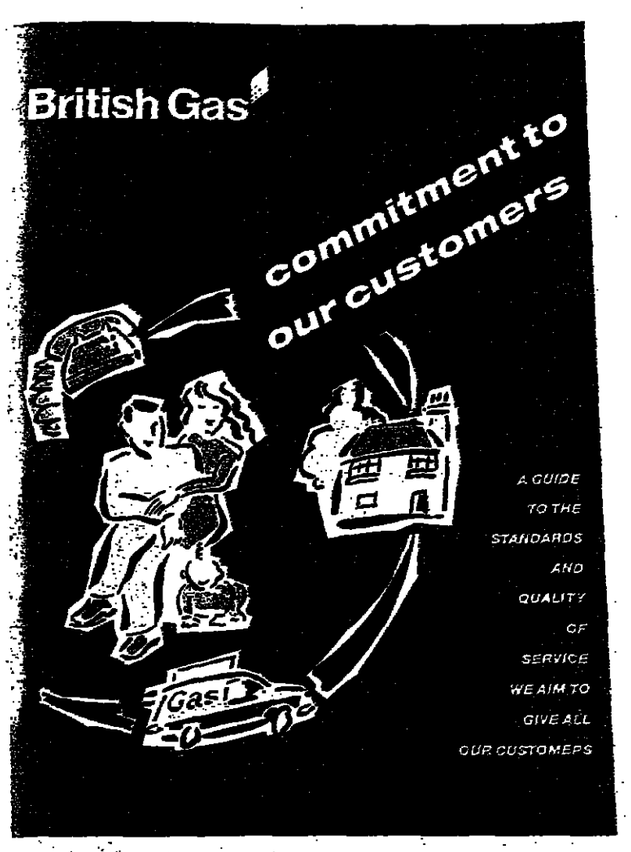

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Hello, welcome, and speak up

BROADCAST

Brian Wenham

The BBC signs on two new governors this month. They join in interesting times. Officials of the Department of Trade and Industry are now following the Home Office in canvassing with some urgency for "new ways" to fund the BBC. "New" carries the double connotation of "without the licence fee" and "at a lower level". In government planning, the Broadcasting Bill is yesterday's business; what to do about the BBC is again rising rapidly up the agenda.

The new appointees, Mrs Shahwar Sadeque and Miss Jane Glover, display a softening of Downing Street's formerly heavy hand, and so have not been though: controversial. Mrs Sadeque, of the Commission for Racial Equality, replaces Ms Jocelyn Barrow, who soldiers on with Lord Rees-Mogg at the Standards Council. Miss Glover technically replaces the feisty Lady Parkes, although her true predecessor on the arts ticket is Lord Harewood. And Miss Glover glides past the Downing Street suitability test, whereas a while back Moira Shearer did not.

The newcomers will be joining a board whose relationship with the BBC's managers is unusually affable, in sharp contrast to what went before. Alasdair Milne in his memoirs rather played down the appalling atmosphere of those times. A well-meaning, if anxious, chairman, weighed down by illness, headed a scratchy board that rarely saw eye to eye with an often brusque director-general, and his querulous cohorts. The unvarnished truth was that a sizeable faction of the board wanted rid of Milne and his chief editorial associates, but could not nerve themselves to strike. So they merely wounded, damagingly so for the BBC, whose wounds were then further exposed to the turning of the Tory knife.

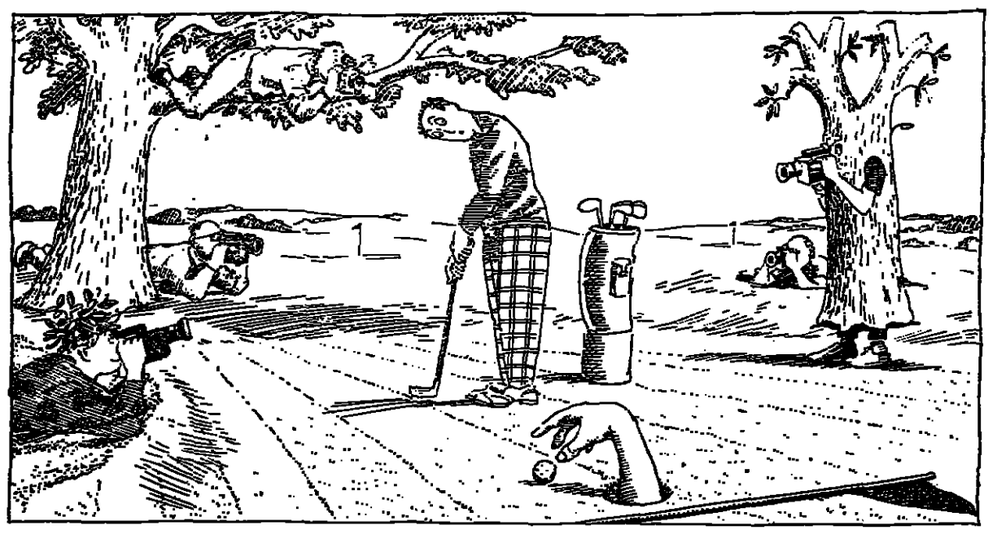
So, given the public pain of so much recent history, it might seem carping to wonder whether the present closeness at the top is not now too chummily self-confident. Questions arise in part on the editorial side: have too many rough edges been smoothed away, has the search for tidiness served as a cloak for timidity? The coming months will give the answers. Last Thursday signalled the end of mid-term Westminster point-scoring. We are now at the start of what promises to be a long and vitriolic election run-up, which will put broadcasters to a particular test. Broadcasters are expected to be both candid and even-handed: it is relatively straightforward to be the second, and to soft-pedal the first. Getting both right together is stressful, and testing to harmony at the top.

But greater strain should arise over the BBC's standstill corporate strategy. Marmaduke Hussey proclaimed recently in these pages: "We have changed the whole ethos and attitude of the BBC. It was a government-protected monopoly and part of a government-protected duopoly for the first 60 years of its existence. Then it found itself slap in the middle of a multinational competitive industry and that was a hell of a culture shock." The suggestion seemed to be that the new management, off its own bat or provoked by the businesslike spirit of the governors, had plunged into the icy waters of the market, and come up fresh and sparking.

And yet, what of essence has changed? Mr Hussey's view of the programming requirement is: "The five radio channels will continue, the two television channels will continue, and I have yet to see any solid alternative to the BBC local radio chain." And as to funding, the chairman, it is reported, "insists the licence fee, rather than advertising or subscription, should remain the BBC's course of funding." So the response to the culture shock is to keep firing on all cylinders, and continue to trust to the Government for licence-fee protection.

Little sign here of the entrepreneurial overhaul that tries to identify where key businesses are, and then sets out to consolidate around them, even as other elements fall away. The old cover-the-waterfront culture would seem to be alive and well; only the way it chooses to describe itself has changed. It may be doubted whether this will be enough to head off a government that wants the licence fee system supplanted, and looks for evidence of BBC containment. It would also be rash to assume that an incoming government of different hue would take a greatly different stance.

Some see a devilish cunning in the BBC posture. It is argued that, come 1996, when the BBC charter is up for renewal, any government will want to see a sacrifice or two: talk of paring programme services now serves no sensible purpose, and merely whets the appetite. Deferring the matter, however, encourages others to make the running, others to opine on BBC priorities and to seek to delimit the operation in their own image. Better surely that management and what is now a full board of governors speak up on their vision of the corporation's future.



Show your worst

Richard Evans reports on a TV boom in home videos which make viewers cringe

A successor has been born to *Candid Camera*, the television "spy in the wall" which amused millions of viewers by capturing everyday gaffes and misfortunes.

This time it will be amateurs and not professionals who are out with the cameras – and they are queuing up to supply material from home videos. The idea originated in Japan, but it is spreading like wildfire. In the United States, the programme *America's Funniest Home Video* has taken the country by storm, and is apparently reversing the fortunes of ABC. Now two British channels plan their own shows for this summer.

Granada networked the first British version on ITV on Easter Saturday. Titled *You've Been Framed*, and fronted by Jeremy Beadle, it attracted an audience of 12 million. Appreciation figures were some of the best recorded.

Although the programme gave the impression that it was a British product – with some of the video makers in the audience – more than half the clips came from abroad.

The format was brought to Britain under licence by a Manchester-based independent production company named Action Time. Negotiations with ABC and Vin di Bona, the American independent which sold it to them, as well as Tokyo Broadcasting, included a deal to pool clips internationally. This is important to Britain, because video camera ownership is lower here than in Japan or the United States.

Stephen Leahy, Action Time's chief executive, denies that using foreign clips is cheating: "We didn't call it *Britain's Funniest Home Videos*. And the idea was partly to initiate a flow of clips."

You've Been Framed, initially screened as a one-off, will definitely return to British screens, "either as specials, or a full series," Mr Leahy says. At present, a second programme is in preparation for late August.

On May 27, Sky launches *The Secret Video Show*, a series of 15 to 30-minute programmes presented by Chris Tarrant. Each show will contain around 10 minutes of home-video disasters, among other *Candid Camera*-type, professionally shot comic episodes around Britain.

Granada pays a "small contractual fee" for clips, but Sky is offering big prize money – £2,500 for the best of the series, £500 for the best of the week.

Will there be a temptation to manufacture incidents? Both Sky and Granada say they are alert to the possibility, although they believe it is more difficult to do than it sounds.

"There is something about the reaction of the camera that gives it away," says Dianne Nelmes, executive producer of *You've Been Framed*. "We will keep our eye on it," says Sky's Fiona Waters.

If the clip is funny, perhaps it doesn't matter. In the United States, programme-makers accept that faking does go on: indeed, *America's Funniest Home Videos* has made a virtue of it – some of the best loved parts of the show are the bad fakes.

From September, 80 per cent of American stations will be screening *Video Challenge*, an amateur film-makers' competition, with £6,000 awarded each week to entries judged by a panel of showbusiness personalities. There are four categories – children, comedy, music and "that's life".

Paradigm Entertainment, which dreamed up *Video Challenge*, is offering it to British and European stations. "This is the *Candid Camera* of the Nineties," says Gary Pudney, the company's chief executive. "We would love to have a British version so that we could have a competition with the best of the American shows.

"In effect, it is a new genre and the biggest thing since soap operas arrived. It is successful because people identify with the show, because it is about real people and real incidents. It is also a chance to be part of showbusiness."

With the cheaper video cameras now costing less than £700, the numbers in Britain are expected to rise rapidly over the next few years. It seems likely that with so many candid cameras on the streets, it will soon be dangerous to go out unless you are prepared to have your every slip-up flashed around the television networks of the world.

Flying a new flag for books

Market analysis is playing a bigger part in choosing best-sellers

The Book Marketing Council, which was set up 10 years ago by the Publishers' Association in order to expand the UK market, is to break free of the strings tying it to the trade association and become Book Marketing Ltd, a public company.

Claire Middleton and Sally Ann Palmer, its two directors, will expand their staff to four, including themselves, hastily move their office, and prepare to live on their wits as a consultancy, PR agency, and publisher of specialist catalogues. The new company already has 20 clients, including Collins, Pentos, and the Claude Gill/Hatchards retail group.

Pride of place in the new office will be held by the sacred text of the company's belief, *Books and the Consumer*, a survey carried out for the BMC by the British Market Research Bureau. The full text of this survey – the result of 6,000 one-hour interviews – was sponsored by 15 companies, and its inner findings are secret.

But in summary, Ms Middleton says, it shows "that people are reading and buying more than we previously thought" and that, specifically, "we are under-targeting certain groups, such as the under-25s and over-60s".

Ms Middleton is a passionate believer in market research: in the past four years she has pushed the BMC in the direction of professional number-crunching and market analysis. "What has been lacking in the book world is sustained, long-term, market research," she says. "Only a few specialist companies, such as Mills & Boon, do it."

One of her projects was a Mothers' Day promotion, with national advertising to the effect that Mother would prefer a book to a bunch of daffodils. But the visible campaign was the least of it. "We did omnibus surveys before and after Mothers' Day to see if it worked. Cautiously, I can say it did. What we were working on was the guilt factor: women feel guilty at neglecting their family for the private pleasure of a book."

As the PR consultancy work develops, the company will take on individual clients with projects: a bookseller might be advised on layout and signposting, for example, and a publisher might ask for advice on how to target a new book.

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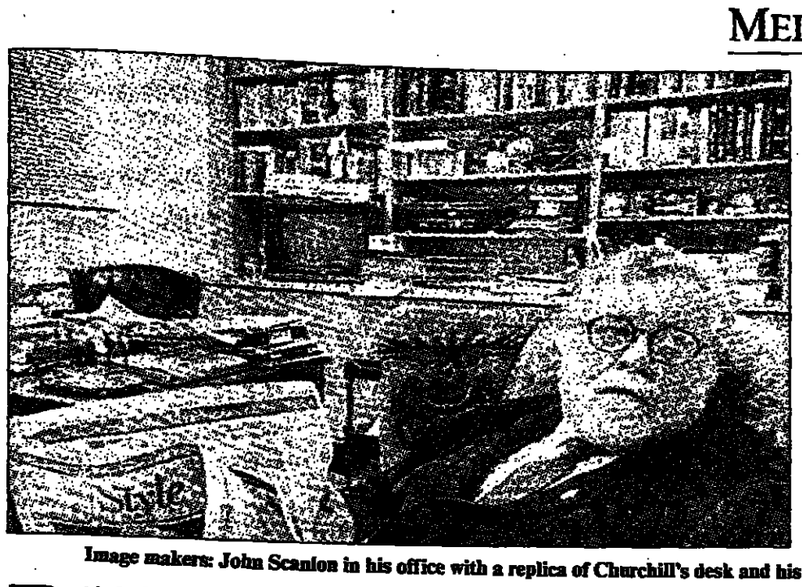

Image makers: John Scanlon in his office with a replica of Churchill's desk and his opponent in the Trump case, Howard Rubenstein, with his collection of hard hats

Stick or twist with two Trump cards

Victoria McKee looks behind the scenes at the burgeoning world of the media manipulators

Behind the Trump versus Trump divorce saga which has been hitting headlines for almost three months lies an equally tense and fascinating battle between two of the world's greatest media manipulators.

In Donald Trump's corner is Howard Rubenstein, a mild-looking public relations "power broker" who helped engineer New York city's rescue from the brink of bankruptcy, and who numbers Rupert Murdoch and the New York Yankees baseball team among his clients.

Representing Ivana Trump is the bear-like John Scanlon, who has the tobacco industry and Cory Aquino, the president of the Philippines, on his list. Mr Rubenstein, a drop-out from Harvard Law School and Mr Scanlon, a former student at a Catholic seminary – are as different as their Manhattan offices.

Mr Scanlon sits at a cosy replica of Winston Churchill's desk, his Gucci loafers kicked off casually underneath. Mr Rubenstein has a vast corner vista with hundreds of hard hats lined up on the sweeping expanse of windowsill, representing "a trillion dollars' worth" of clients' land. Mr Scanlon shows the evidence of too many power breakfasts, while Mr Rubenstein is an ascetic 6am jogger.

As well as locking horns in Trump versus Trump, the two men are on opposing sides of the case in which Cory Aquino's government is taking Imelda Marcos and Adnan Khashoggi to court; Mr Scanlon acting on behalf of Mrs Aquino, and Mr Rubenstein for Mr Khashoggi.

It is a confrontation in which the manipulation of opinion and the "spinning" of a story have been as important as in the Trump case. Mr Rubenstein is credited with coming up with the suggestion that Mr Khashoggi ride to court on the subway instead of in a limousine.

Mr Scanlon scoffs: "That's more than silly, it's dumb. The notion that somehow New Yorkers are so naïve that they think this guy, who has all the money he has, is travelling on the subway because he's a man of the people is just so patently absurd that it's laughable. I think it's one of the silliest stunts – and typical of Rubenstein."

Mr Rubenstein refuses to take credit, or blame, for the idea. He maintains it is his clients who usually have the good ideas. But they pay him retainers estimated at between £1,250 and £7,500 a month to make sure that they do.

"Travelling on the subway won't have any effect on the trial," he says, "but it might make *him* feel good at a difficult time in his life. It's just a reflection that he's a decent guy. He's saying: 'I can lead a more circumscribed life without wealth; I'm prepared for anything God brings to me'."

Of the "carnal contract" that Mrs Trump reputedly asked Mr Trump to sign so that they could both be seen in public with other partners without jeopardizing their marriage (or divorce), Dan Klores, who handled the matter in Mr Rubenstein's absence, comments: "The contract was apparently initiated by Mrs Trump and/or her attorneys, and we went along with it. Mr Trump signed it and two days later Mrs Trump decided to cancel it. So Donald's attorneys pointed out to the Press that this was the second time Mrs Trump had entered into a signed agreement with her husband and reneged on it."

A strong point, and a curious move by Mrs Trump. Did Mr Scanlon have a hand in dreaming up the "carnal contract", or did he advise her that it didn't look consistent with her protestations of love and loyalty?

Mr Rubenstein acknowledges that the timing of the Trump trouble had the spin-off of producing unprecedented publicity for the opening of his client's latest casino, but insists that it wasn't planned with such a goal in mind. "Don't mention that to Ivana," he says. "Or Donald. Neither one expected the media hype to be so intense.

"But I'm glad it had one benefit. The crowd at the casino was so huge they had to shut down the slot machines for a while and thousands of people lined up; I'm told nobody there had ever seen anything like it. But that's Donald. He's a master and a genius at promotion."

Each man, predictably, dates the beginning of the public relations revolution which has elevated their profession (and fees) to unprecedented heights from his own first major victory.

In Mr Scanlon's case this was the General Westmoreland versus CBS libel suit in 1976. Mr Scanlon represented CBS, who were under attack because of a documentary they had made allegedly attacking his reputation as a Vietnam war "hero". Before the trial, most of the publicity had been sympathetic to the general, formerly commander of US forces in Vietnam, who complained that CBS had not honestly represented his role in the war.

Mr Scanlon says: "The documentary was true. We proved that quite unequivocally That's what you do when you 'spin' something. You simply try to change the perspective. The headlines changed from 'Westmoreland attacks CBS' to 'Westmoreland/CBS exchange charges', and once you exchange charges you're in the game."

Mr Rubenstein pinpoints the start of his image-making boom in New York to the fiscal collapse of the city in the late 1970s – a period he considers the most exciting in his life. He takes a fierce pride in his involvement with the city and many of its trade unions. He was responsible, for example, for re-naming New York's dustmen "sanitation engineers" and running the campaign with the slogan: "We may handle garbage, but we're not garbage."

"The most exciting thing I did was to work with the city and my corporate clients when the city was one hour away from bankruptcy and I was right in the middle of a solution of that problem from a PR standpoint – getting the real estate industry to put up hundreds of millions of dollars in advance payment of their property taxes. We had to get legislation passed to allow that to be done. And then, when there was rioting and the city was burning, I helped organize the emergency effort and loans for small businesses."

Has the PR boom in the US a parallel in Britain? Ever since the Conservative Party hired Saatchi & Saatchi to brush up its image, and Margaret Thatcher brought in Sir Gordon Reece, the "image makers" have been on the increase. Now even the Queen has hired a new press secretary trained in public relations rather than in the very private world of the Civil Service. PR even has new names – communications strategy and media relations.

Mr Rubenstein dreams of the day PR people will be on the boards of all large companies, to participate in decisions as they are being made rather than being called in to handle crises. "When I came into this field it was not a respected profession," he says. "Over the past 10 years that has changed."

Neither Mr Rubenstein nor Mr Scanlon can help remarking – frequently and with awe – that they haven't done badly for, as Mr Scanlon puts it, "an Irish kid from the Bronx", or, in the case of Mr Rubenstein, "a kid from Brooklyn"

Mr Scanlon will probably one day write his biography. Rubenstein has prudently decided, he says, "to have amnesia".

Tournament of the Mind

THE agony is over. *The Times* Tournament of the Mind 1990 finals have ended. Today, 110 finalists and 10 school teams will discover that a cricket match was the familiar, but seemingly war-like, occurrence in Round 2 and that only one sock was necessary to be extracted to ensure that there would be a pair in Round 4. Such conundrums may have baffled contestants, but they served to sort out the top school team and the top players for the final. Eight schools from Britain, one from Kuwait and one from Cyprus competed in the contest. The name of the winning school, and those finalists to play in the timed elimination round in London next Monday, will be announced on Friday.

The top school wins the title, a Hewlett Packard computer, a commemorative plaque and a certificate for each team member. All finalists who go through to the play-off will win £250, with a chance at the individual title and £5,000 prize-money.

FINALS ANSWERS:

ROUND 1: diagram: Sir Halford John Mackinder; verbal: VOICE, OCREA, IRONS, CENSE, EASEL; logic: Many hands make light work. Firstly, let A=Z, B=Y, C=X, and so on. Then recode to let the vowels A to U equal 1 to 5, and the consonants (starting with B) equal 6 to 26; maths: Vehicle A, with 56,588.42 revolutions; miscellany: Battle of Lookout Mountain.

ROUND 2: diagram: I and I. The words are idiotic, toitois, meiosis, heitiki and diazine; verbal: sectarian and ascertain; logic: a cricket match; maths: 22 (outer), 37 (middle) and 25; miscellany: Rogers Hornsby.

ROUND 3: diagram: 12; verbal: vir; logic: 18:36. Multiply the correct minutes by the correct hour and work on the basis of the hours only going to 24 and, thus, calculate the hour Thus, 25=1, 26=2. For the minutes, follow the same reasoning as for the hours, but substitute 60 for the 24. Thus 61=1, so will 121 and 181 (Correct alternatives were also accepted); maths: two. First, weigh the real coin, then take one from stack one, two from stack two, and so on to the entire 1,000 coins in the thousandth column. The counterfeit column will weigh two-tenths more than if it were of real 10p coins; miscellany: Sir Stephen Harold Spender.

ROUND 4: diagram: Six. The words are: emits, items, metis, mites, smite and times. Reading downwards, the rows are given the values of 11, 9, 15, 7, 1 and, reading across, the columns are given the values of 6, 11, 4, 7, 8. These are added to give the position of the letter in the alphabet; verbal: Menelik, Clisthenes, Rudolf. (Méline was not accepted because no accents were provided in original sentence); logic; one. If you extract a red sock, you have located a pair. maths: (see diagram); miscellany: Therapsid or *Therapsida*.

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26	6	26	6	26	27	12	27	7	27
6	26	26	26	6	12	27	27	27	7
26	26	20	12	12	27	27	20	13	13
24	12	12	12	40	21	13	13	13	40
12	24	12	40	12	13	21	13	40	13

ROUND 5: diagram: Nine years, six and three-quarter months. The first planet will be 22.5 degrees in its orbit, the second 202.5 and the third 22.5; verbal: MUNESTUB (NEMBUTSU) which is associated with Zen Buddhism. Ormazd, Gayomart and Saoshyans are all associated with Zoroastrianism; HN. They are the first and last letters of the Roman emperors – Vespasian, Titus, Domitian, Nerva, Trajan and Hadrian; maths: 12. The logic is in diagonal equations. The first two of any diagonal are added and the third is then subtracted and, where there is a fourth, it is added. Thus, 11 on the top row is added to 5 on the second to equal 16. 9 on the top row cannot be added or subtracted, so it remains at 9. 13 is added to 6 and then 7 is subtracted to give 12. 4 is added to 2, then 2 is subtracted and 8 is added to give 12; miscellany: Štrbské Pleso

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TODAY Rock, Jazz & World Music ● THURSDAY **Opera, Dance & Books** ● FRIDAY **Classical Music** ● MONDAY **Art & Auctions** ● TUESDAY **Theatre & Cabaret**

The Times Preview features a different area of the arts each day Monday to Friday, as indicated above, including events in the following seven days. Plus the Cinema Guide

Silver plectrum

Celebrating 25 years in rock, **Jeff Beck** (above, centre) is one of that trinity of rock guitarists which also comprises Eric Clapton and Jimmy Page. Although not as widely popular as the others, Beck was at art school with Page and replaced Clapton in The Yardbirds, the pop/R 'n' B crossover band which scored with top Sixties hits such as "Heart of Soul" and "For Your Love". He made two classic albums with a then unknown Rod Stewart, before concentrating on instrumental material in his own right and with supergroups such as Beck, Bogert and Appice. In more recent years his services have been enlisted by a number of household pop names, from Mick Jagger and Tina Turner to Malcom McLaren and the Comic Strip, with whom he worked as a consultant for their rock 'n' roll spoof programme, *The Bad News Tour*. Last year he recorded the Grammy-winning *Jeff Beck's Guitar Shop* album, with two less famous names. Terry Bozzio (drums, above right) and Tony Hymas (keyboards, above left) are virtuosos in their fields and are with Beck at this week's dates: Today: **Edinburgh Playhouse**, 18-22, Greenside Place (031-557 2590), 7.30pm, £9-£10. Tomorrow: **National Exhibition Centre**, Birmingham (021-780 4133/3227), 7.30pm, £9-£10. Fri: **Manchester Apollo**, Ardwick Green (061-273 3775), 7.30pm, £9-£10. Sun and Mon: **Hammersmith Odeon**, Queen Caroline Street, London, W6 (081-748 4081), 7.30pm, £10.50-£12.50. ***Mike Nicholls***

ROCK
Mike Nicholls

DR FEELGOOD: Seminal UK R 'n' B combo and major influence on birth of punk, still led by Lee Brilleaux.
Today Coventry Tic Toc, Primrose Hill Street (0203 632462), 8pm, £5-£6. Thurs Swansea Patti Pavilion, Victoria Park (0792 466513), 8pm, £5 Fri: Bournemouth International Centre, Exeter Road (0202 22122), 8pm, £6.50. Sat: Salisbury City Hall, Malthouse Lane (0722 334432), 8pm, £5.50. Sun: Warrington Parr Hall, Palmyra Square (0952 34958), 8pm, £5.50. Mon:- Edinburgh Preservation Hall, Victoria Street (031 226 3816), 8pm, £4. Tues: Morecambe Winter Gardens, Marine Road (0524 425005), 8pm, £5.

THE SMITHEREENS: Hard-edged American rock band purveying a vaguely tuneful brand of heavy pop.
Today Town & Country Club, 8-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (071 284 0303), 7pm, £6.50.

SPIZZOIL: Return of late Seventies duo, whose "Where's Captain Kirk?" remains one of the all-time biggest-selling independent singles.
Thurs. Marquee, 105 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (071 437 6601), 8pm, £5.

GONG: Time-honoured French free-form jazz-rock combo who were one of the first bands signed to the Virgin label some two decades ago.
Thurs Liverpool Polytechnic, Maryland Street (051 709 4047), 8pm, £5. Fri: Manchester International 2, 210 Plymouth Grove (061 273 8834), 8pm, £5. Sat: Trent Polytechnic, Byron Building, Shakespeare Street (0602 476725), 8pm, £5. Sun. Bristol Bierkeller, All Saints Street (0272 268514), 8pm, £5.

BILLY BRAGG: The capitalist with a conscience, not to mention his own record company, tours the UK following his recent jaunt to Nicaragua.
Thurs: Sheffield University, Western Bank (0742 24076), 8pm, £5. Fri: Cardiff University, Park Place (0222 396421), 8pm, £5. Mon and Tues: Town & Country Club, 8-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (071-284 0303), 7.30pm, £6.

JESUS JONES: Post-modern mix of digital technology and high-energy rock 'n' roll.
Thurs: Bristol Bierkeller, All Saints Street (0272 268514), 8pm, £5. Fri: Leeds Polytechnic, Calverley Street (0532 430171), 8pm, £5. Sat: Manchester International 2, 210 Plymouth Grove (061 273 8834), 8pm, £5. Tues Birmingham Irish Centre, Digbeth High Street (021 622 2314), 8pm, £5.

RED LORRY, YELLOW LORRY/THE UNLOVED: Evergreen Yorkshire indie band, backed by newly-combined London pop-art rockers.
Thurs: The Venue, 2a Clifton Rise, New Cross, London SE14 (081-692 4077), 8.30pm, £4.

THE RAILWAY CHILDREN: Tireless indie-poppers from Wigan.
Thurs: Psychic Dancehall, The Old Trout, River Street, Windsor (0753 869897), 8pm, £3.50. Fri: Dudley, JB's, King Street (0384 53597), 8pm, £3. Sat: Coventry, Warwick University, Kenilworth Road (0203 417220), 8pm, £3.

MIDNIGHT OIL: Powerful Australian rock band, ecologically outspoken, who enjoyed a hit with "Beds are Burning".
Fri: National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham (021 780 4133/3127), 7.30pm, £9-£10.

UNDERNEATH WHAT: Charismatic hardcore metal act, recently returned from Far Eastern tour.
Fri: London Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (071 434 9592), 7.30pm, £6.

THIN WHITE ROPE: Cult American modern rock band tipped for imminent stardom.
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BENNY PROFANE: Refreshing and irreverent indie pop.
Sat. Old Bull Arts Centre, High Street, Barnet, Herts (081 449 0048), 7.30pm, £1.95-£2.95.

WILKO JOHNSON: Deadly R 'n' B guitarist still devastating stages, 13 years after quitting Dr Feelgood (see above).
Sat. Powerhaus, 1 Liverpool Road, Islington, London N1 (071-837 3218), 8pm, £6.

JAMES: Former Smiths soundalikes cashing in on their currently fashionable Manchester ("Stone Roses", "Happy Mondays" and so on) roots.
Sun: Cambridge Corn Exchange, Wheeler Street (0223 357851), 8pm, £5.50. Mon: Brighton Top Rank, West Street (0273 732627), 8pm, £5.50.

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ALBERT KING: World class blues guitarist who has just contributed to new Gary Moore LP.
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WORLD PARTY: Their superb new album, *Goodbye Jumbo*, confirms them as one of the top half-dozen rock bands in Britain. Signed to the same record label as Sinéad O'Connor and The Waterboys, World Party can expect the same level of international success. Not to be missed.
Sun: Hackney Empire Theatre, 291 Mare Street, London E8 (081-985 2424), 7.30pm, £6-£7.

MARIANNE FAITHFULL: Sixties femme fatale returns to the London stage for the first time in eight years, following release of new live album.
Tues: Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (071-636 2295), 7.30pm, £10.50.

JAZZ
Clive Davis

ROY AYERS: Commercial jazz-funk vibes from the Ubiquity leader, playing opposite the Ronnie Scott Quintet and — from Monday — the jazz-rock group of trumpeter Ian Carr. Tonight to Sat 19: Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (071-439 0747), 9.30pm, Mon-Thurs, £10 (members £2), Fri-Sat, £12 (members £6).

MOSE ALLISON: Second week of the lengthy trio residency from the singer-pianist, with songs from the new Blue Note album, *My Backyard*.
Tonight to Sat 19: Pizza On The Park, 10 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (071-235 5550), 9.15pm & 11.15pm, £10.

SHEILA JORDAN: Sometimes mannered, sometimes inspired, the American singer learned her trade by sitting in with the beboppers of the early Fifties.
Tonight, tomorrow: Bass Clef, 35 Coronet St, London N1 (071-729 2476), 9pm, £5 (also Tues 15-Thurs 17); Fri: Brighton Jazz Festival, Concorde Restaurant, Madeira Drive (0273 606460), 9pm, £5.

LOOSE TUBES: Though the undergraduate humour can pall after a while, the young big band continues to win non-jazz converts.
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EVAN PARKER: More extended bouts of circular breathing and multiphonics from the avant-garde soprano saxophonist.
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LIONEL HAMPTON: Sole UK date by the still-swinging vibes player whose autobiography is due to be published next month.
Fri: Barbican Centre, Silk St, London SE1 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm, £10.50-£22.50.

A NIGHT AT THE COTTON CLUB: Benny Green introduces a line-up including veteran saxophonist Benny Waters and One Mo' Time singer Juanita Brooks.
Sat: Colston Hall, Colston St, Bristol (0272 223686), 7.30pm, £4-£8.

BERYL BRYDEN: *Britain's answer to* Bessie Smith is on tour to celebrate her 70th birthday.
Sat: Pizza Express, 10 Dean St, London W1 (071-439 8722), 9.30pm, £6; Sun: Pizza On The Park, 10 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (071-235 5550), 9.15pm & 11.15pm, £8; Tue: 100 Club, 100 Oxford St, London W1 (071 636 0933), 7.30pm-midnight, £6

WORLD MUSIC
David Toop

KODO: The athletic troupe of drummers from Sado Island, Japan, continues their season of dramatic percussion rituals.
Tonight until May 19: Sadler's Wells *Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London* EC1 (071-278 8916), 7.30pm, £4-£16. Saturday matinee at 2.30pm.

DAVY SPILLANE: A new album, *Shadow Hunter*, should give this brilliant Irish Uillean pipes and whistle *player some of the spotlight he* deserves. His solos have graced the work of Kate Bush, Enya and Van Morrison, among others.
Tonight: The Thekla, The Grove, Bristol (0272 293301) 8pm, £6. Friday: Ferndown Community Centre, Albert *Road, Ferndown, Dorset* (0202 475853), 8.30pm, £5.50. Monday: Electric Cinema, Portobello Road, London W11 (071-700 6591), 8pm, £7.50. Tuesday: The Junction, Clifton Road, Cambridge (0223 412 600) 7pm, £6.

ARABESQUE: Percussive, danceable group led by Hassan Erraji, combining the Arabic musical traditions of Morocco and Turkey with jazz influences.
Tomorrow: *Arts Centre, Bedwin Street.* Salisbury (0722 21744), 8pm, £4. Friday: Phoenix Arts Centre, Newarke Street, Leicester (0533 554854), 8pm, £4. Tuesday: Bluecoat Arts Centre, School Lane, Liverpool (051-709 5297), 8pm, £3.50.

VASMALON: Hungarian five piece multi-instrumental band based in Budapest. Their music has grown out of the mid-70s revival of interest in the folk traditions of the Balkans.
Friday: Theatr Hafren, Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys (0686 625007) 8pm, £4. Saturday: Theatr Mwldn, Cardigan, Dyfed (0239 612687) 8pm, £4.

BATTLEFIELD BAND: The Battlefield Band host a three-day Ceilidh with the now customarily eclectic selection of *guests from the roots music circuit.* There will also be a songwriting competition with prizes worth £1,000. Begins Friday: Dunbar Primary School, East Lothian (087530 328). Concerts, classes and competitions run throughout the day and evening. Weekend £16.

THE CELTIC MUSE: Two-day festival of Celtic music, poetry and story-telling with the Davy Spillane Band, Dan Ar Bras, Bert Jansch's Celtic Collection and others.
Friday and Saturday: Rufford Country Park, near Ollerton, Nottingham (0602 824435), Friday £5, Saturday £7, weekend £10.

MID-WALES FOLK FESTIVAL: A strong line-up led by Billy Bragg and Martin Carthy with Vasmalon, June *Tabor, Frankie Armstrong and many* others.
Friday to Sunday: various venues in Newtown, Powys (0686 625007), weekend tickets £15.

TOUMANI DIABATE: Britain has been *fortunate in being able to hear live* performances by many superb kora players from the Gambia, Mali and Guinea. Mali's young Toumani Diabate has a sparkling, individual style which is extremely accessible and an engrossing pleasure.
Saturday: West Indian Centre, Laycock Place, Leeds (0532 629496), 8.30pm, £4. Sunday: The Green Room, Whitworth Street West, Manchester (061-236 1677), 8pm, £4.30.

LAS CHICAS DEL CAN: Fourteen-piece all-women band from the Dominican Republic who play fast and furious Merengue and Tropical dance music.
Sunday: Empire Ballroom, Leicester Square, London W1 (081-437 1446), 7.30pm, £7.50.

SILEAS: Harp trio from Scotland who combine a number of different traditional styles with modern playing.
Sunday: Burnley Mechanics, Manchester Road, Burnley (0282 30055) 8pm, £3.50.

Compiled by Penny Osborn

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TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(4)	Killer	Adamski, *MCA*
2	(5)	Dirty Cash	Adventures of Stevie V, *Mercury*
3	(2)	Opposites Attract	Paula Abdul, Siren
4	(1)	Vogue	Madonna, *Siren*
5	(-)	Better the Devil You Know	Kylie Minogue, *PWL*
6	(8)	A Dream's a Dream	Soul II Soul, *10 Records*
7	(3)	Black Velvet	Alannah Myles, *Atlantic/East West*
8	(-)	Cover Girl	New Kids on the Block, *CBS*
9	(6)	Kingston Town	UB40, *Dep International*
10	(7)	The Power	Snap, *Arista*

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(1)	Only Yesterday	Carpenters, *A&M*
2	(3)	. . . But Seriously	Phil Collins, *Virgin*
3	(-)	Forever Your Girl	Paula Abdul, *Siren*
4	(4)	Alannah Myles	Alannah Myles, *Atlantic East/West*
5	(8)	Labour of Love II	UB40, *Dep International*
6	(6)	Behind the Mask	Fleetwood Mac, *Warner Bros*
7	(5)	Vivaldi Four Seasons	Nigel Kennedy/ECO, *EMI*
8	(-)	A Big Pocketful of Dreams	Big Fun, *Jive*
9	(7)	Everybody Knows	Sonia, *Chrysalis*
10	(2)	Life	Inspiral Carpets, *Cow/Mute*

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (*where indicated* with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

INTERNAL AFFAIRS (18): Richard Gere and Andy Garcia as Los Angeles cops sucked into a vortex of insecurity and corruption. Tired thriller, given some kick by British director Mike Figgis.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324)

NUNS ON THE RUN (12): Eric Idle and Robbie Coltrane sheltering as nuns in Janet Suzman's convent school. Fast and furious drag comedy, aimed at fanciers of the strenuously zany, from writer-director Jonathan Lynn.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697)

SEE YOU IN THE MORNING (12): *Disappointingly heavy-footed romantic* comedy from writer-director Alan J Pakula, with Jeff Bridges as a psychiatrist torn between two marriages. Alice Krige, Farrah Fawcett
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Warner West End (071-439 0791).

SWEETIE (15): Prickly Australian portrait of an unstable teenager wreaking havoc on the suburban life of her shrinking violet sister. A fine feature debut by director Jane Campion, poised on the knife-edge between nightmare and farce
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) *Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742)* Metro (071-437 0757).

CURRENT

◆ ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN (U): Disjointed, unappealing cartoon fantasy about a low-life dog returning from the dead.
Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ ALWAYS (PG): Spielberg's plush but pointless remake of *A Guy Named Joe* with Richard Dreyfuss as a dead pilot returning to earth.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Plaza (071-497 9999).

◆ BILL AND TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE (PG): Amiable if witless comedy about time-travelling, woolly-headed teenagers. Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeon Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905).

◆ BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY (18): Dynamic anti-Vietnam epic from Oliver Stone, with Tom Cruise excellent as paraplegic Ron Kovic.
Plaza (071-497 9999).

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Giuseppe *Tornatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian* cinema: a hugely appealing salute to the movies
Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8865) West End (071-439 4805).

COLD FEET (15): Wayward comedy-drama about three petty criminals in Montana, co-written by novelist Tom McGuane with Tom Waits, Keith Carradine, Sally Kirkland. Directed by odd-ball talent Robert Dornhelm.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

◆DRIVING MISS DAISY (U): Sweet, endearing film of Alfred Uhry's play about a refined Southern lady (Jessica Tandy) and her black chauffeur (Morgan Freeman). Directed by Bruce Beresford.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Minema (071-235 4225) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

ENEMIES, A LOVE STORY (15): Isaac Bashevis Singer's novel about a Holocaust survivor's complicated love life, skilfully filmed by Paul Mazursky. Ron Silver, Anjelica Huston.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

◆ THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS (15): Highly diverting fireworks between a *blonde singer (Michelle Pfeiffer) and* two cocktail pianists (Jeff and Beau Bridges).
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111).

HENRY V (PG): Visually drab version *of Shakespeare's play from wunderkind* Kenneth Branagh, who directs and stars. With Paul Scofield, Emma Thompson, Judi Dench.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

◆ THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER (PG): Sean Connery as a Soviet submarine commander trying to defect. *Ponderous pre-glasnost drama*
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

JESUS OF MONTREAL (18): An updated version of a Passion Play causes controversy in Montreal. *Strained* satirical fireworks from Denys Arcand, Canadian director of *The Decline of the American Empire*
Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ THE KRAYS (18): Brooding, bloody drama about the rise and fall of the East *End gangsters, from war-time* childhood to incarceration in separate prisons. Peter Medak directs an imaginatively chosen cast: Gary and Martin Kemp, Billie Whitelaw.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) West End (071-930 *5252/7615) Whiteleys (071-792* 3303/3324).

◆ LOOK WHO'S TALKING (12): Infantile comedy about an unmarried mum and her talking baby. John Travolta, Kirstie Alley and Bruce Willis's voice.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Warner West End (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ McCABE AND MRS MILLER (18): Revival of Robert Altman's moody Western of a gambler (Warren Beatty) establishing a bordello in a mining town. With Julie Christie.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

MONSIEUR HIRE (15): Intense, stylish version of Simenon novel about a bachelor's dark obsession with his neighbour, a striking achievement by director Patrice Leconte, previously known for comedies. With Michel Blanc and Sandrine Bonnaire.
Lumiere (071-836 0691)

◆ MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON (15): Bob Rafelson's wayward epic about Victorian explorers Burton and Speke searching for the Nile's source. Patrick Bergin, Iain Glen.
Barbican (071-638 8891).
Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111).

MY LEFT FOOT (15): The Christy Brown story; uplifting fare, marvellously acted, with Oscar-winners Daniel Day-Lewis and Brenda Fricker.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Premiere (071-439 4470) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ NEXT OF KIN (15): A Kentucky clan fights the Mafia. Potboiling Patrick Swayze vehicle, partly saved by John Irvin's direction; with Liam Neeson, Adam Baldwin.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) *Warner West End (071-439 0791).*

◆ ROGER AND ME (15): Michael Moore's iconoclastic documentary about the effect of car factory closures on the director's home town.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520).

SANTA SANGRE (18): Alejandro Jodorowsky's extraordinary, disturbing, blood-soaked fantasy set in a travelling circus.
Metro (071-437 0757) Gate (071-727 4043).

◆ SEA OF LOVE (18): Superior thriller, crackling with electricity. Al Pacino stars as a New York cop who becomes emotionally involved with a murder suspect (Ellen Barkin). Directed by Harold Becker.
Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

A SHORT FILM ABOUT LOVE (18): *Krzysztof Kieslowski's powerful and eerie* tale of voyeurism and sexual failure. Second in the series based on the Ten Commandments.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

◆ TROP BELLE POUR TOI! (18): Gérard Depardieu dithers between his wife and mistress. Skilful satire on marital mores from Bertrand Blier.
Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ UNCLE BUCK (12): Flimsy comedy with John Candy as a ne'er-do-well taking care of his brother's children.
Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ THE WAR OF THE ROSES (15): A perfect marriage self-destructs violently. Exhausting black comedy, with Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester *Square (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).*

IN REPERTORY

NATIONAL FILM THEATRE (071-928 3535)
Paradzhanov's Shadows of our Forgotten Ancestors: Barbara Stanwyck at her scheming best in *The File on Thelma Jordan*: John Ford's *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon.*

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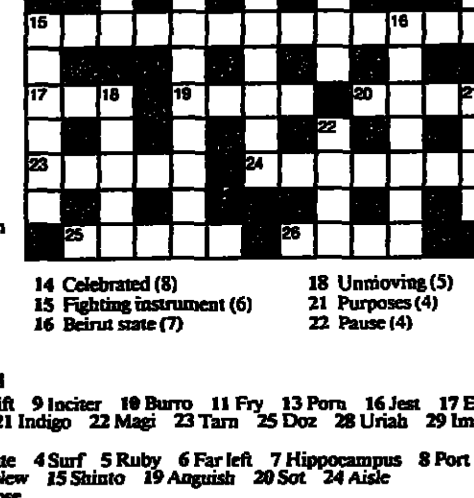

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17 Donkey (3)
19 Canter (4)
20 Capable (4)
23 Basket willow (5)
24 Looked over (7)
25 Site (5)
26 Astonish (4)

DOWN
1 Feather layer (7)
2 Nonsense poet (4)
4 Chemical precipitation (4,4)
5 Quit (5)
6 Cancer crustacean (4)
7 Comrade (6)
9 Middle class (9)
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15 Fighting instrument (6)
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18 Unmoving (5)
21 Purposes (4)
22 Pause (4)

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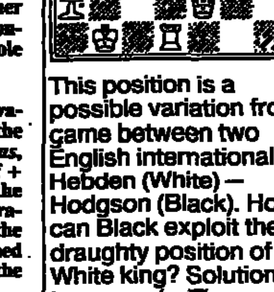
WORD-WATCHING
Answers from page 24

PILLIWINKS
(b) An instrument of torture for squeezing the fingers, in some forms spelled like *periwinkle* the flower or shell-fish, origin obsc.: "They prick us and they pine us, and they pit us on the pilliwinks for witches."
CLUNCH
(a) A clumsy hand or fist, from the Low German *klunt* a lump: "Others try her greasy clunches/With stoning currants in whole bunches."
SEMIS
(a) The Roman coin equivalent to half an *as*, and in the later Empire, half a *solidus*, from the Latin *semi-* half + *as*: "In keeping with the earlier fifth-century tradition, the obverse of the semis showed the diademed and cuirassed bust of the *emperor in profile*."
REFLAG
(c) To alter the country of registration of a merchant ship: "For nearly three months, since the US began to reflag Kuwaiti tankers, the world's biggest TV stations have been here."

WINNING MOVE
By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is a possible variation from a game between two English internationals, Hebden (White) — Hodgson (Black). How can Black exploit the draughty position of the White king? Solution in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: 1 Qxf8+! Kxf8 2 Rg8+ Kf7 3 Rxd8 and with a rook against a knight, White wins easily.

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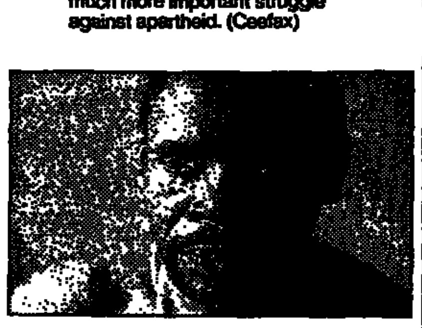
BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News presented by Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer **8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Viewers comment on yesterday's television
9.20 Gloria Live. Gloria Hunniford and guests *discuss* issues of the day
10.00 News and weather followed by Matchpoint. Quiz game (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, introduced by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays (r) **10.50** Bunyip. Cartoon series (r) **10.55** Five to Eleven. A celebration of Wesak — the *festival of the* Enlightenment of the Buddha
11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Are black and Asian people portrayed correctly on television? If you have a view ring Eamonn Holmes and Jayne Irving on 061 814 0424. Plus, a day in the life of javelin *thrower* Tessa Sanderson
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Pebble Mill's magazine series *presented by Alan Titchmarsh* and Judi Spiers **12.55** Regional news and weather **1.00** One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) **1.50** Matchpoint
2.15 Knots Landing. Dreary spin-off from the *Dallas* saga
3.05 Gardeners' Direct Line presented by John Thirlwell. Green-fingered advice from Peter Seabrook and Geoffrey Smith. Viewers wanting answers to their gardening queries should ring Leeds (0532) 446222 between 9.00am and 1.00pm **3.35** The Pink Panther Show (r)
3.50 Caterpillar Trail. Stuart Bradley with another in the children's wildlife series **4.05** Around the World with Willy Fog. Animated adventure serial (r) *4.30* The Movie Game. Inter-school film and video quiz
5.00 Newsround **5.05** Moondial. Episode one of a repeat of the children's drama serial in which a tragedy leads a young girl back in time to face witches, evil spirits and *perhaps the devil* himself. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40-6.00 Inside *Ulster*
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. With guests Frank Muir, who has a book to plug, Nina Myskow and Sarah Freeman
7.40 The Kon-Tiki Man: Thor Heyerdahl — the Story of a Great Adventurer. This week he tries to unravel the mystery *of Easter Island's stone statues*
8.05 Dallas. (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View with Miles Kington
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather
9.30 Inside Story: South Africa's Killing Ground.
● *A horrifying report from the* province of Natal, where 3,000 people have been killed in the past years in a tragic struggle between black and black. On one side are the *Inkatha*, the political organization of Chief Buthelezi, on the other the African National Congress. Buthelezi may have been applauded by Mrs Thatcher for his moderate line on sanctions. But the film alleges that prominent members of the Inkatha central committee have personally carried out murders and supported attacks by vigilantes, with the connivance of the South African police. The ANC, feeling that the police offer them no protection, kill in revenge. The human tragedy is graphically brought home in the eye witness accounts of women who have seen their own children being murdered. The political tragedy is that by fighting each other, the blacks *are diverting their energies from the* much more important struggle against apartheid. (Ceefax)



A victim of Natal's violent struggle (9.30pm)

10.20 Sportsnight introduced by *Steve Rider. Boxing: Britain's Kirkland* Laing challenges for the European middleweight title against the holder Antoine Fernandez of France. Harry Carpenter is at the ringside; Football: previews of this weekend's FA Cup final between Crystal Palace and Manchester United and of next month's World Cup; Rugby Union: a report from this year's Whitbread Rugby World awards
11.45 Weather. *Northern Ireland: Cricket* (Ireland v New Zealand). To 12.15am

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Discovering Physics **7.10** Discovering 16th century Strasbourg. Ends at 7.35
8.00 News **8.15** Westminster
9.00 The Historyman examines the centuries old bickering between Norwich market traders and the city authorities (r)
9.05 Daytime On Two: teaching technology **9.35** Emergency first aid. (Ceefax) **9.45** A-level German **10.05** For the very young **10.20** Volcanic landscapes **10.40** Computer databases **11.00** Learning to read **11.15** *Walrus* **11.35** Teaching infants **12.10** A-level biology **12.30** Becoming involved with a loan shark **12.55** Effective communications **1.20** Science ficton for the under-fives **1.40** Animals that use their faces to pass messages
2.00 News and weather followed by Storytime **2.15** *Country* File. John Craven looks at organic farming (r). 2.15-5.00 Northern Ireland: Cricket (Ireland v New Zealand) **2.40** Made By Man. A saddler at work (r) **2.55** Travel Show Traveller. Menorca (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Wild World. How the cuckoos of Petersfinger, near Salisbury, survive **3.50** News, regional news and weather
4.00 Great Railway Journeys. *Michael* Frayn travels from Sydney to Perth (r). (Ceefax)
5.00 Italian Regional Cookery. Valentina Harris continues her journey through Italian cuisine with a look at the north-east coastal regions of Chioggia, *Alto-Adige (where the food is* German influenced) and Veneto (r). (Ceefax)
5.30 Film 90. Barry Norman reviews *Pretty Women, She Devil* and *Johnny Handsome* (r)
6.00 DEF II *begins with* The Invaders. Science fiction adventures starring Roy Thinnes **6.50** Words Apart presented by Kirsty Wark and John Holdsworth. Prisoners from a Scottish gaol put their points of view on sentencing and overcrowdingto *judges, probation officers, MPs and ex-*offenders in the studio **7.30** Rapido. Antoine de Caunes with reports on Billy Idol, Jeff Beck and Daniel Lanois

A diver unearths the Batavia's cargo (8.10pm)

8.10 Chronicle: The Unlucky Voyage.
● *The voyage was not just unlucky* but turned by a combination of perfidious nature and human evil into a tragic disaster. The Batavia, 600-ton flagship of the Dutch East India Company, left Amsterdam in October 1629 for the Indian Ocean. The *following June it was wrecked on a coral* reef off the coast of Australia and if that was not enough, the ship's skipper and a psychopathic apothecary staged a mutiny in which 125 men, women and children were ritually murdered. The mutineers themselves were executed in turn. A more than usually bloodthirsty edition of *Chronicle* reconstructs the story of the Batavia from contemporary accounts before describing the painstaking work of a British archaeologist Jeremy Green in recovering the *remains of the ship*, and its cargo of silver, from the sea bed. The film also visits Leystad in the Netherlands where a full-scale replica of the Batavia is nearing completion. It has taken 10 years. The original Batavia was built in six to eight months
9.00 M*A*S*H. *More Korean War black* comedy from the medics of the 4077th (r)
9.25 A Very Peculiar Practice. Andrew Davies's delightfully off-beat comedy series starring Peter Davison as a university campus doctor (r). (Ceefax)
10.20 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet Of Britain: D Is For Dysons. Trust the manically enthusiastic Lucinda to dig out a *really wonderful jeweller and clock* maker in Leeds where nothing much has changed since the day it opened in 1865 (Ceefax)
10.30 Newsnight. Includes extended coverage of one of the main stories of the day
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine
11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: Trouble With Science.
12.25am Open Forum Magazine. The magazine about higher education. This *week, the programme focuses on funding for universities*. Ends 12.55

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain presented by Beatrice Hollyer and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Maya *Even. With news at* 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After Nine includes Kathy Tayler with news of National Deaf *Children's Week and talking to French* vegetarian chef Roselyne Masselin
9.25 Cross Wits. Word game for crossword addicts, hosted by Tom O'Connor **9.55** Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stapleton chairs a topical discussion
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Includes national and *international news at 10.55 and regional* news at 11.55 followed by national weather
12.10 Allsorts. For the very young (r) *12.30 Home and Away*
1.00 News at One and weather **1.20** Thames News and weather
1.30 The Miriam Stoppard Health and Beauty Show. A new keep fit kicks off with an exercise programme for teenagers, a selection of non-fattening *desserts and a look at the Women's* Institute
2.00 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama **2.30** Take the High Road
3.00 Sounds Like Music. Bobby Crush with the quiz based on musical hits of stage and screen **3.25** Thames News and weather **3.30** The Young Doctors
4.00 Rolf's Cartoon Club presented by *Rolf Harris 4.25 Spatz. Comedy series* set in a fast food restaurant **4.55** Bugs Bunny and Friends (r)
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers presented by Bob Holness
5.40 News and weather
5.55 *Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with* details of the new "Home From Hospital Scheme" set up by Kensington and Chelsea's Age Concern organization
6.00 Home and Away (r)
7.00 Busman's Holiday. Sarah Kennedy gives three more teams the chance of winning a busman's holiday. This week, funeral directors from Surrey, RSPCA inspectors from Southampton and dance instructors *from Rochdale. (Oracle)*
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Up the Garden Path. Perceptive love-triangle comedy by Sue Limb with *Imelda Staunton in sparkling form as* Izzy, the disorganized schoolteacher involved with married man Michael (Nicholas Le Prevost)
8.30 The Ronn Lucas Show. A showcase for the American ventriloquist
9.00 Mistress of Suspense: The Stuff of Madness.
● Despite the promise of the title, suspense is not the first word that comes to mind for the second in the *series of Patricia Highsmith stories*, which has been co-scripted and directed by Mai Zetterling. It is a more a psychological study of a middle-aged couple who in their different ways are trying to cling on to the past. Both are obsessed with dummies. In the

Obsessed: Ian Holm and Eileen Atkins (9.00pm)

case of Penny (Eileen Atkins) they are stuffed animals, effigies of all the pets she has ever owned bizarrely filling her house and garden. For *husband Christopher (Ian Holm)* a dark-haired dummy in a shop window reminds him of a passionate affair which took place 20 years ago but is still sharp in the memory. The piece proceeds slowly, if inexorably, towards its glum resolution and would perhaps have been better suited to the half-hour format of *Tales of the Unexpected* than having to spread over an hour But skilled playing by Holm *and Atkins* helps to give substance to their thinly sketched characters
10.00 News at Ten and weather **10.30** Thames News and weather
10.35 *Midweek Sport Special presented* by Nick Owen. Features Boxing: Britain's Lennox Lewis meets Lionel Washington of the United States in a heavyweight contest at *London's* Royal Albert Hall. At the ringside are Reg Gutteridge and Jim Watt; and Football: highlights of the European Cup Winners Cup final between Samdoria and Anderlecht in Gothenburg. Alan Parry is the *commentator*
11.45 Mayfest 90. A preview of Glasgow's international arts event
12.15am Film: Every Move She Makes (1974) starring *Julie Nihill and Doug* Bowles. Skilfully mounted horror story from Australia about a young girl who agrees to a date with a work colleague and wishes she hadn't. Atmospherically directed by Catherine Miller
1.40 *Stories in the Night. Nick Stuart* investigates the claims of medium Marjorie Kite who says she obtains information about people by reading the energies surrounding *their personal* possessions. Followed by News *headlines*
2.10 Videofashion. A look at young fashion talents from Milan, Paris and London
2.40 America's Top Ten
3.10 Night Gallery. *More strange tales to* send a shiver down the spine of the late-night viewer. Followed by News *headlines*
4.10 The Channon and Ball Video Show. A trip down football's memory lane with Mike Channon and Alan Ball
4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Newsreels from 50 years ago including a Nazi bomber crashing at Clacton and an Investure at Buckingham Palace
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Stunning scenes of natural beauty set to music
6.30 The Channel 4 Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 *The Parliament Programme*
12.30 Business Daily
1.00 Sesame Street
2.00 Open College: In Charge. How to discipline staff and keep a good relationship with them at the same time. (Oracle)
2.30 *Channel 4 Racing From Chester.* Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Cheshire Regiment Handicap Stakes (2.45); the Ladbroke Chester Cup (3.15); the Shadwell Stud Cheshire Oaks (3.45); and the Sefton Maiden Fillies' Stakes (4.15)
4.30 Fifteen-to-One
5.00 Go For *It*. Camping in the New Forest, go karting and gymnastics *arefeatured in this week's* programme
5.30 Flight Over Spain. Alan Hargreaves narrates a flight over Guadalajara in New Castilla. (Oracle)
6.00 The Running Programme: Champions. In the final programme in *the series, Cliff Temple meets two* experienced marathon runners and discusses technique with them (r)
6.30 *Get Smart. Spoof spy series*
7.00 Channel 4 News
7.50 Party Political Comment by an SDP politician. Followed by Weather
8.00 Brookside
8.30 Dispatches. A report on the scandal behind Britain's recycling policies, in which, *it* is claimed, much of the voluntary work devoted to recycling is wasted. Brighton housewife *confronts junior environment minister* David Heathcoat-Amory when she learns that after all her sorting, washing and squashing her newspapers are sitting on a paper mountain, her cans would be better off in a waste bin and that her glass recycling efforts are *completely misguided*
9.15 Rear Window: The Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford...Is Shut.
● The museum is not actually closed but its opening times are eccentric. So is its collection, a happy jumble of cultural artefacts which draws the drooling *appreciation of Barry Cunliffe*, Penelope Lively and David Attenborough. General Pitt Rivers was a Victorian colonialist who started the collection in the 1880s to prove the inferiority of non-British cultures. The effect has been the reverse, which is *presumably why Tariq Ali chose to* feature the museum in his *Rear Window* series. James Fenton weighs in with celebratory verse and Cunliffe places the collection in the context of the 19th century debate about Darwin and evolution Taking up that theme, the biologist Richard Dawkins speculates on why cultural evolution (as illustrated in the Pitt Rivers) has proceeded faster than biological evolution But the old pro Attenborough makes the most memorable contribution with his simple enthusiasm for an exquisitely carved headrest from Tahiti and an Aboriginal baby carrier
10.00 The New Statesman: A Wapping Conspiracy. Unusual but effective comedy series starring Rik Mayall (r)
10.35 *Film: Goalkeeper's Fear Of The* Penalty (1971). Arthur Brauss as a goalkeeper with a German football team who finds that life when you're not in your prime is not for him and storms off the pitch during a match. Various situations lead him to *become a murderer* Excellent fingering camera work and direction makes this a haunting and atmospheric film. With English subtitles. Directed by Wim Wenders
12.25am Neil Diamond. Neil Diamond selects favourites from his own songs
1.35 *Invisible Touch Tour — Genesis.* The rock group in a July 1987 concert at Wembley (r) Ends at 2.40

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW
5.00am Jakki Brambles 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat *12.45 Gary Davies 3.00* Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '90 6.00 Mark Goodier 7.30 The Politics of Pop Andy Kershaw talks to *Public Enemy*, Kirsty McColl and Billy Bragg about whether pop stars should use their musical success as a platform for political views 8.30 John Peel 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo
4.00am Steve Madden 5.30 Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers *11.00* Robert Kilroy-Silk 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.05 Gloria Hunniford 4.05 Englebert Humperdinck 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Junkin's Jokers 7.30 Sileas *in Concert* 8.00 Folk on 2 9.00 The Organist Entertains 9.30 Nigel Hunter's Latin Music Show 10.00 Ken Bruce 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.30 John Dunn with special guest Sir Peter Thompson 1.00-4.00 Nightride

WORLD SERVICE

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RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Holst (Ballet, *The Perfect Fool*: Philharmonia under William Boughton); Delius (La Calinda: London Philharmonic Orchestra under Vernon Handley); Elgar (Froissart: London Philharmonic Orchestra under Adrian Boult)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Enesco (Romanian Rhapsody No 1: Detroit Symphony Orchestra under Antal Dorati); Smetana (Vltava: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Herbert von Karajan); Kodály (Peacock Variations: Philharmonia Hungarica under Antal Dorati)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Tchaikovsky — The Final Years, 1889-93. Symphonic ballade, The Voyevode, Op 78 (USSR Radio Symphony Orchestra under Vyacheslav Ovchinnikov); It's Not the Cuckoo (USSR Russian Chorus under Alexander Sveshnikov); Ballet, The Nutcracker, excerpts
9.35 Midweek Choice with Susan Sharpe. A special Scottish edition, featuring requests from this week's Radio Goes to Town in Glasgow
11.00 BBC Symphony Orchestra in Tokyo, led by Bela Dekany; Toho School of Music Chorus; Toho School of Music *Children's Choir* under Andrew Davis, with Alfreda Hodgson, mezzo soprano, perform Mahler (Symphony No 3). Live from Hitomi Memorial Hall, Setagaya

Andrew Davis conducts (11.00am)

1.00 News
1.05pm Concert Hall: No Strings Attached — Sarah Clark and Sara Lee, B flat clarinets, Andrew Sparling, E flat and B flat clarinets, Nicholas Hayes, *bass clarinet, performs* Sweelinck (Fantasia chromatica); Claude Arrieu (Cinq mouvements pour *quatuor de clarinettes*); Arnold Cooke (Concertante Quartet); trad, arr Daniel Rye (Four Eastern European Folk Songs)
2.00 *Record Review with Edward* Greenfield (r)
3.10 Vintage Years: Hallé Orchestra under Hamilton Harty performs Harty (Scherzo "An Irish Symphony"); Berlioz (Royal Hunt and Storm "The Trojans"); Elgar (Enigma Variations)
4.00 Choral Evensong: Live from Portsmouth Cathedral
5.00 *Eastern Approaches* (new series): For the next four weeks, the traditional music slot on Radio 3 is filled by sounds from four Eastern European countries: Bulgaria, Romania, Poland and Hungary. Emerging from the shadow of communism and the Soviet Union, these countries are re-discovering their own local customs and varied music-making. In the first programme, Graham Fawcett introduces Bulgarian music, including women's voices in close harmony, wedding and harvest music, the bagpipes, drum and virtuosic accordion-playing
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Fritz Spiegl
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear with Robert Hewison
7.30 Beethoven (*Piano Trio in D, Op* 70 No 1 "Ghost": Pinchas Zukerman, violin, Jacqueline du Pré, cello, Daniel *Barenboim, piano)*
8.00 Brighton Festival 1990: Live from the Dome, Brighton. Moscow Radio Symphony *Orchestra under Vladimir* Fedoseyev, with Vladimir Ovchinikov, piano, performs Glinka (Overture, Ruslan and Ludmilla); *Prokofiev (Piano* Concerto No 1 in D flat, Op 10); Georgy Svindov (Suite, The Snowstorm — from the *films* based on Pushkin's short story) **8.55** Stravinsky and the Seasonal Cycle. Aspects of The Rite of Spring are considered by Stephen Walsh in relation to the composer's later ballets and other theatrical works (r) **9.15** Stravinsky (The Rite of Spring)
10.15 Opera News with James Naughtie (r)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Couperin (r)
12.00 News
12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** *Farming Today* **6.25** *Prayer for* the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather **8.35** *Yesterday in Parliament* **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' *Question* Time (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Guidance, by Silveira da Queiroz, translated by William L. Grossman. *Read* by Elizabeth Mansfield
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News: The Russian *Connection. Jo Anderson* investigates the mysterious figure known as "Peter the Painter", the brains behind a *series of armed robberies in* the East End of London at the beginning of the century, which culminated in the Siege of *Sidney Street in 1911*. Anderson's detective work takes her to a safebreaker called O'Sullivan, who was *approached by a group of* armed men to rob the homes of White Russians to finance the Russian Revolution. To his *dying day, O'Sullivan claimed* that the ringleader of the gang was Joseph Stalin. O'Sullivan's son Terry takes *part in the programme which* has Timothy West as Winston Churchill, David King as Trotsky, Jack Watson as *Inspector Wensley and* Howard Goomey as Lenin
11.47 Yes, Mr Churchill: After Hours. Marian Walker Spicer, private *secretary to Winston Churchill* during the Second World War, talks to June Knox-Mawer about the experience (3 of 6)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Litmus Test: Science quiz hosted by Mike Scott (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: includes aninterview with Sunnie Mann, wife of hostage Jackie Mann; Julie First investigates the origins of confetti; a report on the US and Soviet Women's Summit taking place in the United States; and an interview with jazz singer Juanita Brooks
3.00 News; Bright as a Lamp, Simple as a Ring: Play by Catherina Czwekawska. Joanna, a housewife, joins Amnesty International and writes to Raoul, a prisoner in Chile. Starring Jenny Howe *and Tom Wilkinson (s)*
3.47 Time for Verse: Alexis Lykiard talks to poet Hugo Williams (s)
4.00 News
4.05 *File on Four (new series):* Major issues at home and abroad (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: A profile *of chorusmaster and timpanist* Alan Fearon who reconstructs classic lost film scores
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast *5.55 Weather*
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Brain of Britain 1990 (s) (r)
7.00 News *7.05 The Archers*
7.20 In Business (r)
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Naming Names: In the second *of two programmes, Martin* Wainwright ventures into the world of professional naming, including how products and *newspapers are named*
8.45 Caring for Kate: Helen Boaden meets Colleen and Angus Maclean who adopted two-*year-old Kate in 1987, knowing* that she was HIV positive and likely to develop Aids
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Includes *reviews of Ian McEwan's book The Innocent* and *Gibraltar Strait* at the Royal Court Upstairs; and Kate Saunders with a round up of the latest film releases, including *She Devil* and *Pretty Woman* (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Catch 22, by Joseph Heller (2 of 12)
11.00 A Good Day Out: Part 2: Dancing with My Shadow. A montage of memories about a night on the tiles in the 1920s and 1930s (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

FM as LW except:
11.00am-12.00 For Schools (s) 1.55pm Listening Corner (s) 2.05-3.00 For Schools 5.50-5.55 PM (cont) 11.30-12.10am Open University: 11.30 Mathematics Miscellany 11.50 Art and Illusion 12.30-1.10 Night School (s)

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As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six

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As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 TSW News 2.00 It's A Dog's Life 2.30-3.00 Santa *Barbara* 3.27-4.00 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.45 Beyond 2000 12.45am Night Heat 1.40 Donahue 2.40 60 *Minutes* 3.35 Route 66 4.30 Grand Ole Opry Live 4.55-5.00 TSW Jobfinder

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S4C
Starts: 6.00am Art of Landscape 6.30 C4 Daily 9.25 Ysgolion 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Ty Chwith 1.00 The Child's Eye 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 In Charge 2.30 Racing from Chester 4.30 Fifteen to One 5.00 Mork and Mindy 5.30 *The Lone Ranger* 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 Y Smyrffs 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Hel Straeon 7.30 Profi'r Pethe 8.00 Ffermio 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Ar Y Bocs 9.25 Film: *The Last Sunset* 11.30 Brass 11.55 Short Stories 12.25am Neil Diamond 1.35 Invisible Touch Tour — Genesis 2.40 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 12.30pm Simply Delicious 1.00 News 1.30 Knots Landing 2.30 Women Writers 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 Emmerdale Farm 4.30 A Family at War 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 This Is Your Life 7.30 Joint Account 8.00 Mission Impossible 9.00 News 9.30 Strumpet City 10.30 *First Edition* 11.05 Spenser — For Hire 12.00 News 12.10am Close

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SKY NEWS

News on the hour
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business *Channel* 6.00 International Business Report 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm NBC Today 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Parliament *Live 4.30 NBC Today* 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 The Reporters 8.30 The Frank Bough Interview 9.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am The Frank Bough Interview 1.30 Newsline 2.30 The Reporters 3.30 The Frank Bough Interview *4.30 Beyond 2000*

SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel
2.00pm The Perfect Match (1980). Romantic drama, starring Marc McClure and Jennifer Edwards as two insecure 29-year-olds, *tacking in social skills and searching for their ideal partners*
4.00 A Night at the Magic Castle: On the eve of his 10th birthday, Max (Arte Johnson) *is taken on the adventure of a lifetime by the ghost of Harry Houdini*
6.00 Carry on Follow That Camel (1967). The *Carry On* team, along with Phil Silvers, *joins up with the Foreign Legion*
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Heart (1987): Brad Davis stars as a down-and-out boxer attempting to stage a comeback
10.00 Something Is Out There (1988): Concluding episode of the science-fiction thriller, starring Joe Cortese and Maryam D'Abo
11.45 Tin Men (1987): *Richard Dreyfuss and* Danny DeVito star as two used car salesmen who become embroiled in a tit-for-tat revenge campaign
1.45am *Freddy's Nightmares: Starring* Robert Englund as Freddy Krueger
4.00 The Zoo Gang (1986): A gang of kids open a nightclub, only to become the victims of jealous bullies. Ends at 5.35am

EUROSPORT

6.00am As Sky One 8.30 Motor Sport 9.30 Trax 10.00 Tennis 11.00 Motor Sport 12.00 Gymnastics 1.00pm Tennis 5.00 Monster Trucks 6.00 Gymnastics 7.00 Trans World Sport 8.00 Boxing 10.00 Football 12.00 *Tennis*

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Motor Racing 9.00 Rugby League 10.30 Rallycross 11.30 Cycling 12.00 Spain Spain Sport 12.15pm Ice Hockey 2.15 Rugby League 3.45 Horse Racing 4.15 Argentinian Football 6.00 Tennis 7.30 Golf 9.30 Boxing 11.30 Cycling 12.00 Powersports

MTV

Twenty four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

10.00am *Jake's Fitness Minute* 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.30 Short Casts 10.35 Wok with Yan 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 Edge of Night 11.35 Great American Gameshows 12.50pm What's New? 12.55 *Sally Jessy Raphael 1.45 Skyways 2.40* Search for Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Break 3.15 Burke's Law 4.05 Airwaves 4.35 Video Review Show 4.45 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel

BSB: THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● All films are followed by News and Weather
1.00pm The Movie Show
1.30 Act One (1963, b/w) George Hamilton and Jason Robards, jun., star in this Hollywood biopic about Brooklyn-born playwright Moss Hart His writing partnership with George S Kaufman took him to *Broadway*
3.30 The Stalking Moon (1968) Western drama, starring Gregory Peck and Eva Marie Saint. A veteran army scout rescues a white woman and her half-Indian son from Apache imprisonment. But the boy's father stalks the trio
5.30 The Movie Show
6.00 Salsa (1988). Bobby Rosa and Magali Alvarado star in this Hispanic Dirty Dancing
8.00 Martin's Day (1985): Kidnap drama, starring Richard Harris and Lindsay Wagner. *An escaped prisoner abducts a young boy*, but they soon become firm friends
10.00 No Mercy (1986): A Chicago cop (Richard Gere) travels to New Orleans to find his partner's killers. Also starring Kim *Basinger*
11.50 Looking for Mr Goodbar (1977): In search of love, a repressed Catholic teacher enters the New York singles scene with tragic consequences Starring Richard Gere and Diane Keaton. Ends at 2.05am

GALAXY

7.00am Superfriends 7.30 Mix-it 8.30 31 West The Entertainment Show 9.00 Bewitched 9.30 Laughlines 10.00 Jupiter Moon 10.30 The *Movie* Show 11.00 Playabout 11.15 Mrs Pepperpot 11.30 Intellect 12.00 Wife of the Week 12.30pm The Bold and the Beautiful 1.00 Facts of Life 2.30 Young and Restless 3.30 Playabout 3.45 Mrs Pepperpot *4.00 Danger Bay 4.30 Kids* Incorporated 5.00 Mix-it 6.00 31 West. The Entertainment Show 6.30 Jupiter Moon 7.00 Murphy Brown 7.30 Laughlines 8.00 Shoe-*string 9.00 Up Yer News 9.15 The Donald* Pleasence House of Horrors 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 12.30am The Movie Show 1.00 Up Yer News

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

1.25pm Sportsdesk 1.30 Racing Today 2.00 Boxing 4.00 Cricket 5.00 Supercross 6.00 Sportsdesk, incl News and Weather 6.30 Tennis — The ATP Tour 7.30 Sportsdesk, incl News and Weather 8.00 Main Event: NBA Playoffs 10.00 Racing Today 10.30 Sportsdesk, incl News and Weather 11.00 On Four Wheels 12.00 Sportsdesk, incl News and Weather

NOW

9.30pm Left, Right and Centre, News and Weather 10.00 Living Now Looking Good/Parenting/ Plat du Jour 11.00 American Business Today 11.30 European Business Today: News and Weather 12.00 Good Morning America, News and Weather 2.00pm Nina v the Rest 2.45 15 Minutes from Now! 3.00 Living Now, News and Weather 4.00 Your World: The Eskimos of Pond Inlet 5.00 Good Morning America; *News and Weather 6.00 Assignment Adventure*: Dune Riders — A Sahara Adventure 7.00 Living Now; News and Weather 8.00 First Edition 9.00 Your World: Peacocks, *Parasites and the Puzzle of Sex*, News and Weather 10.00 European Business Today 10.30 Sex, Lies and Love 11.30 Left, Right and Centre 12.00 American Business Today; *News and Weather*

THE POWER STATION

7.00am Eighteen hours of rock and pop

Royal tribute: The Princess of Wales smiling as a wellwisher kisses her on the hand during her walkabout with the Prince in the Castle district of Budapest yesterday.

De Klerk moves to end apartheid in local authorities

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

THE South African Government is to abolish racially segregated local authorities and devolve considerable powers to a new system to be determined largely at local level.

President de Klerk's announcement to a congress of the Cape Municipal Association yesterday presages the dismantling of apartheid in local government, at present conducted by separate black, white, Indian and Coloured (mixed race) councils. They are particularly unpopular in black townships, where they are widely regarded as inefficient and corrupt. The new strategy appears to be to replace them with multi-racial bodies as a safeguard against the authoritarian whims of a governing party.

"At this stage I do not wish to expand on models or their merits, except to say I sincerely believe that the status quo cannot be maintained. There is an inescapable need for a new system or systems of local government," President de Klerk said. Adoption of any specific model would require the greatest possible consensus in the community concerned, and a general legal framework within which all local authorities would operate. He envisaged structures providing for power-sharing and self-determination on a non-discriminatory basis.

"The Government is committed to the greatest possible devolution of power to the lowest effective level of decision-making ... and a minimum of central administrative control." Among the advantages of such a system were that it would operate against authoritarianism, and allow communities themselves to handle "culturally sensitive" issues.

Mr de Klerk said that in totalitarian systems, local authorities were purely administrative extensions and controlling instruments of the central authority or political party. In a democratic system, they had an important role to play in ensuring basic freedoms and in bringing government closer to the people.

"We have to strengthen the hand of local government so that it is able to reach its full potential in upgrading and maintaining the quality of life of all our people ... nobody should be afraid of thinking in new or exploratory ways. Reform is not about suicide, but precisely about progress and survival." He said the policy switch was in line with the Government's aim of according full political rights to all citizens, with provision for the protection of minorities.

In pursuance of that goal, on Monday night Parliament approved an indemnity Bill empowering Mr de Klerk to grant either temporary or permanent indemnity to exiles taking part in negotiations with the Government. This is designed to facilitate talks with the African National Congress, but it also applies to people who have committed offences against members of the ANC and other formerly banned organizations.

In a television interview Mr de Klerk took issue with the stated reasons of the former President, Mr P.W. Botha, for resigning from the ruling National Party at the weekend. He said Mr Botha's criticisms of the reform process and of peace talks with the ANC "don't hold water".

Letters, page 15

Prince praises Hungary on return to the West

By Alan Hamilton, Budapest

GAZED upon by a bronze statue of a tired-looking Karl Marx, the Prince of Wales yesterday welcomed Hungary back into membership of Western civilization, and urged action to reverse what he called the apparent ecological Armageddon which communism brought to the East.

The Prince, addressing staff and students at what used to be the Karl Marx University but has recently been renamed the Budapest Institute of Economics, praised Hungarians for retaining their spirit, culture and identity despite the trauma through which they had lived.

He said: "It seems to me an extraordinarily brave and unique achievement. Never lose that spirit and that inner identity, I beg of you, for we need it more than ever if we are to reconstruct Europe in its true and rightful form, with the Central European countries playing their proper part."

All the re-emerging democracies of Europe owed Hungary a debt. "As a result, we can now remember who cut the first wire of the Iron Curtain, who hammered the first hole in the Berlin Wall, and who was the courageous pastor in Transylvania who last December toppled a tyrannical regime."

Central Europe was the victim of ideological experiment and the worst follies of a command economy. "Its very landscape bears the dreadful scars, and so do its children. We are only just becoming aware of the terrible catastrophe you have been suffering. Somehow we must find a way to help reverse this apparent ecological Armageddon."

The Prince declared that Europe "now has a chance to set the wholeness of what I like to call Western man into a united society, capable of harmonizing its diversities without creating mind-numbing conformity".

Afterwards, the Prince toured the Ganz-Hunslet railway works, an Anglo-Hungarian joint venture, where he opened an advice centre for would-be small businessmen, and was presented with toy trains for his two sons. Meanwhile, the Princess of Wales visited the set of a film, *Hungarian Requiem*, about the 1956 uprising. She was reduced to tears as she watched the enactment of a scene in a recreated death cell.

The couple were mobbed by a friendly crowd as they toured the city's main fruit and vegetable market.

Photograph, page 12
Soup kitchen, page 12

Political sketch

The Devil takes all the blame

"THIS is the excellent foppery of the world, that ... we make guilty of our disasters the sun, the moon, and the stars; as if we were villains by necessity, fools by heavenly compulsion, knaves ... by spherical predominance ... and all that we are evil in, by a divine thrusting on ..."

As Edmund recognized in *King Lear*, the habit of finding celestial causes for our woes is incurable. There has recently been another outbreak among those in authority over us.

It started some days ago when — asked the cause of the Trafalgar Square riots — the Home Secretary usefully observed that "sheer wickedness" was the root of it. Sheer wickedness doesn't leave fingerprints.

Then, last week, the Governor of Strangeways Prison, Brendan O'Friel, elaborated. The Devil himself, apparently, was to blame for the riots at Strangeways. There were understandable problems, here, about making the appropriate arrest.

And now Bournemouth. Following Mr Waddington's statement yesterday, three principal theories as to the reason for this football violence emerged among MPs. The Home Secretary thought it was the Football League. The Labour Party thought it was the Conservative Party. And Merlyn Rees thought it was all a terrible mystery.

Nobody seemed to think it was the delinquent fans. These, it appeared, were mere playthings — driven like tumbleweed in the wind by Tory malevolence. Football League folly, or Mr Rees's ghastly Nameless Thing — depending on your viewpoint.

Secretly motivated by liberalism, Mr Waddington was doing his best to avoid being cornered into a commitment to letting the police authorize matches. This would spell the end of organized sport. "It is for the football authorities," he barked, "to explain why they didn't respond to warnings." Repeatedly he returned to attack the faceless evil which hangs in the very air, in directors' boxes.

And, speaking for the directors' boxes, Labour's Spokesman, Denis Howell, managed a querulous defence of "the game," which came dangerously close to implying that Labour thought the whole thing had been got up by the enemies of football. "Why don't *you* do something?" he kept shouting at the Home Secretary, and pointing his finger. Why didn't the Government arrest the troublemakers *before* the disturbances, he added, intriguingly. Then he retorted that there were delinquents over on the continent, too, and why didn't UEFA do something about *that*? A picture emerged of innocent Leeds supporters — many of them Labour voters — enjoying their sandwiches at Bournemouth when set upon by hordes of vicious retired couples — probably Tory — led by the Home Secretary.

Labour's ex-Home Secretary, Merlyn Rees, offered a different perspective: "We must stop pussyfooting around ... There is something deeper than that, as much as I do not know the answer ... eternal disgrace ... Something has got to be done. There is something fundamentally wrong that we all ought be be putting our minds to." Half a millennium of English social history had passed him by.

Roy Hattersley nodded helpfully on the Front Bench.

Hattersley, Howell, Rees: three grand old names from the "old Labour party" — names to grace any directors' box — names we admire: moderate, decent, honourable, common-sense, in touch with working people ...

And not an idea between them, yesterday. Just fingers stabbing the air and blaming Fate, Foreigners, Mrs Thatcher, anything. Unusually, nobody blamed the weather. Something had got to be done, but not yet. You began to understand what drove the Left mad.

Still, that's the way, the directors' box way, that Mr Kinnock is moving. At Prime Minister's Questions yesterday he suggested to the House that inflation was caused by high interest rates. Mrs Thatcher said (without naming him) that it was caused by Nigel Lawson. *His* actions, she said, were caused by Black Monday.

And who caused Black Monday? Ask Mr O'Friel.

Matthew Parris

Decoding traffic conditions on your dashboard

Continued from page 1

From here, staff send out the information via the VHF radiopaging network, to subscribers' cars. A detachable pager-unit mounted on the dashboard decodes the signals, displaying a map of the motorway and the blackspot. In addition, a driver is shown the direction of slow-moving traffic, which should be a boon on the orbital M25.

The cost of the system, which can also function as a message pager, has been put at £1.30 a day. Mr Martell said the system's coverage was being confined to motorways because of the special problems that they presented to drivers.

"One of the frustrations of motorway jams is that, once in, you cannot get out. How many times do drivers come across slow-moving traffic on motorways and think, shall I get off or not? With this system, the driver can know that the traffic two miles ahead is moving again or that it is clogged up for 20 miles," Mr Martell said.

Trafficmaster, which has been in development for four years, will initially cover the M1, M40, M25, M4, M3, M23, M20, M11, and A1(M) sections in a 35-mile radius of London. Next year, however, the company is hoping to extend this to motorways throughout the Midlands, including the M42, M50 and M54.

Coverage will also be available throughout the M4, M5 and networks such as the M27 in Dorset and the M2 in Kent. By Spring 1993, it should be covering motorways in the north of England and Scotland. Over the next few years, several such systems are expected to come on to the market.

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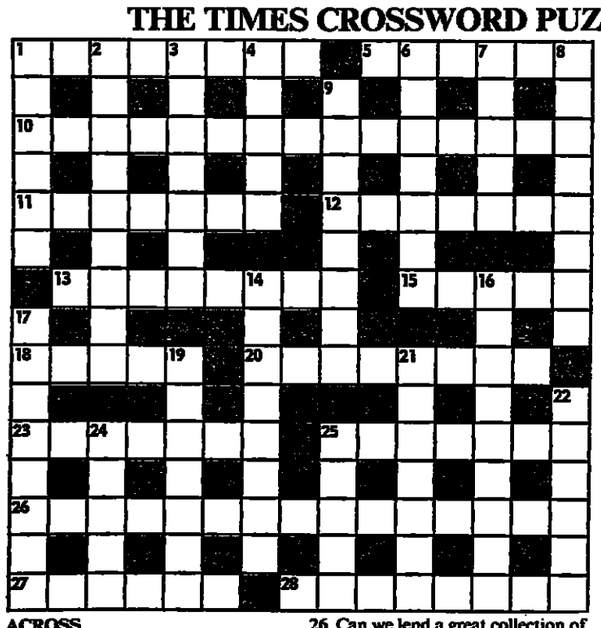

ACROSS

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5 Sherpa becoming one of the highest group (6).
10 Man takes mother's excellent specimen of a flower (10,5).
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12 Plate of game everybody's sent back (7).
13 Have a stag party, say, making these females wail (8).
15 Reportedly manned the ship to get oil (5).
18 Two men of the highest class (5).
20 Piles of sand left around Middlesbrough (8).
23 Something in the food giving the old life? Only a short time (7).
25 It's marvellous to see motorists in the distance (7).
26 Can we lend a great collection of criminal records? (7,8).
27 Change the oil for this old implement (6).
28 Sort of suit the Emperor wore for this anniversary? (8).

DOWN

1 Dismiss the form (6).
2 Support a line of minor importance (9).
3 It helps to regard some as less prone to illness (7).
4 Exchange of shots at a mass meeting (5).
6 Getting under the skin right away in a particular area (7).
7 It is said to help us receive the spirit of Shakespeare (5).
8 It's a blow for a farmworker (8).
9 Transport material in Cumbria (8).
14 Stretcher for one-time nurse (8).
16 Stalling when up in the air (9).
17 I and daughter leave port in France (8).
19 Meek one — a good man to beat (7).
21 Lepidus thought the crocodile a strange one (7).
22 Wager the man will be disloyal (6).
24 Nothing we left up outside to dry (5).
25 Fast road goes twice round a city in America (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,288

B	U	T	T	E	R	F	L	Y		C	O	P	R	A
A		R		N		I		A		A		L		P
C	H	A	S	T	E	N		M	A	R	S	A	L	A
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N	I	E	C	E		E	X	C	E	L	L	E	N	T
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This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 55 per cent of the competitors at the 1990 Leeds regional final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

Concise Crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

PILLIWINKS
a. A child's game
b. A form of torture
c. Amorous glances

CLUNCH
a. A fist
b. A nautical slip-knot
c. A collapsed scrum at rugby

SEMIS
a. A Roman coin
b. French knickers
c. An Egyptian goddess

REFLAG
a. Change in a linesman's decision
b. To mend a pavement
c. To change registration

Answers on page 22

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C. London (within N & S Circs.).731
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North-east England.....743
Scotland 744
Northern Ireland.....745

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WEATHER

South-east England, East Anglia and the East Midlands will be bright with just the chance of a few showers. The rest of England, Wales and Northern Ireland will be rather cloudy at times with showers or longer periods of rain. Scotland will become brighter and drier but also cooler from the north. Outlook: changeable in the south; becoming drier in the north.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	s	Majorca	20	68	s
Akrotiri	22	72	s	Malaga	21	70	f
Alex'dria	24	75	f	Malta	19	66	f
Algiers	21	70	s	Melb'rne	16	61	s
Amst'dm	19	66	f	Mexico C*	-	-	-
Athens	23	73	s	Miami*	26	79	c
Bahrain	29	84	s	Milan	23	73	s
Barbados*	31	88	f	Montreal*	12	54	f
Barcelna	19	66	s	Moscow	8	46	f
Belgrade	23	73	s	Munich	19	66	t
Berlin	27	81	f	Nairobi	-	-	-
Bermuda*	19	66	r	Naples	24	75	s
Biarritz	19	66	s	N Delhi	34	93	s
Borde'x	21	70	f	N York*	19	66	c
Brussels	23	73	s	Nice	19	66	s
Budapst	23	73	r	Oslo	19	66	s
B Aires*	18	64	f	Paris	21	70	s
Cairo	27	81	s	Peking	-	-	-
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Perth	20	68	f
C'blanca	17	63	f	Prague	21	70	f
Chicago*	23	73	s	Reykjvik	8	46	s
Ch'church	15	59	f	Rhodes	20	68	s
Cologne	21	70	s	Rio de J	25	77	s
C'phagn	22	72	s	Riyadh	36	97	c
Corfu	22	72	s	Rome	19	66	s
Dublin	12	54	r	Salzburg	20	68	f
Dubrovnik	20	68	s	S F'risco*	18	64	s
Faro	21	70	s	Santiago*	24	75	f
Florence	23	73	f	S Paulo*	25	77	f
Frankfurt	21	70	f	Seoul	17	63	f
Funchal	18	64	f	Sing'por	32	90	f
Geneva	18	64	f	St'kholm	17	63	s
Gibraltar	19	66	f	Strasb'rg	22	72	f
Helsinki	11	52	s	Sydney	20	68	c
Hong K	28	82	c	Tangier	22	72	f
Innsbrck	19	66	f	Tel Aviv	25	77	s
Istanbul	20	68	s	Tenerife	23	73	f
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tokyo	23	73	s
Jo'burg*	21	70	s	Toronto*	13	55	f
Karachi	35	95	s	Tunis	18	64	c
L Palmas	23	73	f	Valencia	22	72	s
Le Tquet	13	55	f	Vanc'ver*	11	52	s
Lisbon	22	72	s	Venice	21	70	s
Locarno	23	73	s	Vienna	23	73	s
L Angels*	22	72	s	Warsaw	23	73	s
Luxembg	22	72	f	Wash'ton*	21	70	s
Luxor	39	102	s	Wel'nton	14	57	f
Madrid	24	75	s	Zurich	20	68	s

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarborough	5.2	.06	13	55	cloudy
Hunstanton	8.8	-	18	64	sunny
Cromer	7.4	-	20	68	sunny
Lowestoft	11.3	-	15	59	sunny
Clacton	11.8	-	16	61	sunny
Southend	11.8	-	19	66	sunny
Margate	X	-	20	68	sunny
Folkestone	12.4	-	16	61	sunny
Hastings	13.1	-	15	59	sunny
Bognor Regis	14.0	-	15	59	sunny
Bournemouth	10.4	-	17	63	sunny
Torquay	4.7	-	15	59	bright
Falmouth	4.3	-	15	59	bright
Penzance	5.4	-	17	63	cloudy
Scilly Isles	3.8	-	15	59	cloudy
Jersey	6.9	-	16	61	bright
Guernsey	9.5	-	15	59	sunny
St. Ives	6.9	-	14	57	bright
Swanton Snd	11.3	-	15	59	sunny
Mumbles	7.7	-	15	59	bright
Morecambe	2.8	.85	11	52	shower
Birmingham	9.2	-	17	63	sunny
Bristol	10.7	-	16	61	sunny
Buxton	2.4	.33	11	52	rain
Leeds	2.4	.13	13	55	shower
Newcastle	3.1	.13	13	55	shower
Nottingham	8.5	.05	15	59	bright
Anglesey	3.8	.20	13	55	shower
Cardiff	10.9	-	15	59	sunny
Colwyn Bay	6.4	.29	14	57	sunny
Tenby	4.4	-	14	57	cloudy
Aberdeen	3.5	.16	13	55	shower
Aviemore	2.3	.07	13	55	shower
Edinburgh	5.2	.05	13	55	shower
Eskdalemuir	0.7	.35	10	50	shower
Kinloss	3.6	.01	13	55	shower
Lerwick	0.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Prestwick	1.8	.17	13	55	shower
Stornoway	11.3	.28	12	54	sunny
Tiree	10.9	.13	12	54	sunny
Wick	11.4	.04	11	52	sunny
Belfast	1.4	.49	12	54	hail

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 19C (66F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). 6 pm, 50 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 10.0 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,014.8 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: London Weather Centre, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 08C (46F); highest rainfall: Kinloss, Grampian, 0.94 in sunshine: Cardiff, 13.8 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 07C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.12 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.2 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 04C (39F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.52 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.7 hr.

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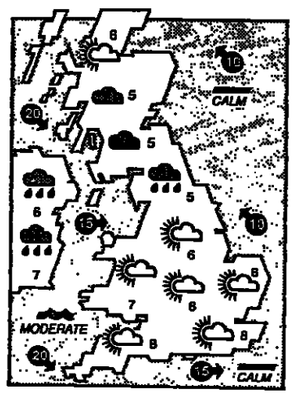

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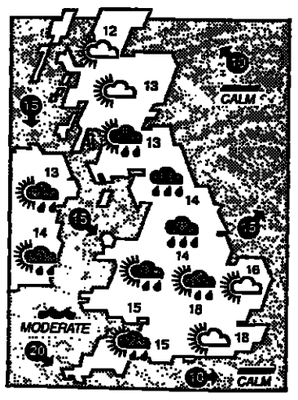


LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.36 pm to 5.17 am
Bristol 8.46 pm to 5.27 am
Edinburgh 9.07 pm to 5.11 am
Manchester 8.53 pm to 5.18 am
Penzance 8.53 pm to 5.44 am

Sun rises: 5.19 am
Sun sets: 8.36 pm
Moon sets 4.33 am
Moon rises 8.57 pm
Full Moon 8.31pm

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F
Belfast	10	50c		Guernsey	13	55f
B'rmgham	14	57f		Inverness	10	50r
Blackpool	9	48c		Jersey	15	59c
Bristol	15	59s		London	16	61c
Cardiff	15	59f		M'nchster	10	50r
Edinburgh	9	48r		Newcastle	11	52c
Glasgow	11	52c		R'ndsway	8	46r

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 3.15pm, 8.15pm and 10pm

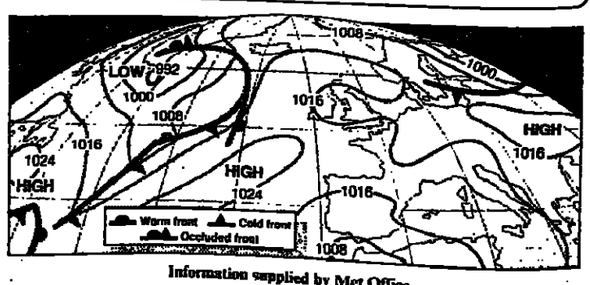
HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.28	6.8	2.49	6.9
Aberdeen	1.55	3.8	2.04	3.8
Avonmouth	7.52	12.4	8.12	12.6
Belfast	11.44	3.2	—	—
Cardiff	7.37	11.5	7.57	11.7
Devonport	6.20	5.2	6.40	5.3
Dover	11.47	6.2	—	—
Falmouth	5.50	5.0	6.10	5.1
Glasgow	1.30	4.3	1.29	4.2
Harwich	12.13	3.7	12.34	3.7
Holyhead	10.57	5.1	11.13	5.2
Hull	6.57	6.9	7.10	7.0
Ilfracombe	6.32	8.4	6.50	8.5
King's Lynn	7.06	6.0	7.17	6.1
Leith	3.05	5.1	3.26	5.2

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	11.54	8.7	—	—
Lowestoft	10.22	2.3	10.22	2.3
Margate	12.27	4.5	12.51	4.5
Milford Haven	6.49	6.4	7.07	6.5
Newquay	5.40	6.4	5.58	6.5
Oban	6.08	3.6	6.38	3.7
Penzance	5.18	5.3	5.38	5.4
Portland	7.28	1.8	7.59	1.9
Portsmouth	12.04	4.5	12.23	4.4
Shoreham	11.53	5.7	—	—
Southampton	11.37	4.2	11.47	4.3
Swansea	6.58	8.9	7.15	9.0
Tees	4.05	4.9	4.21	5.0
W'ton-on-Nze	12.06	3.9	12.30	4.0

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

NOON TODAY



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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6710 (+0.0100)

W German mark
2.7680 (–0.0094)

Exchange index
87.6 (same)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1710.1 (+13.3)

FT-SE 100
2182.0 (+19.8)

USM (Datastream)
130.19 (+0.03)

Market report, page 28

Builder falls to £4.5m loss

STANLEY Miller, the builder, is in talks with a potential bidder after 1989 losses of £4.5 million. Its shares were suspended at 20p last week.

Nu-Swift ahead

NU-SWIFT made profits of £31.8 million (£30.7 million) in the year to December. The total dividend is unchanged at 15p. Tempus, page 26

UK Land slides

PRE-TAX profits at UK land fell 61 per cent to £1.72 million in the six months to March. As normal, there is no interim dividend. An interim balance sheet shows net assets per share of 750p, up 26p from the year-end.

Tempus, page 26

Parkland slips

PARKLAND Textile made profits of £2.04 million before tax in the year to March 2, a fall of 21 per cent. Turnover rose 2 per cent to £55.8 million and earnings per share were just 1 per cent lower at 23.9p. The final dividend rises 0.2p to 4.5p, leaving the total 6 per cent up at 6.7p.

Tempus, page 26

STOCK MARKETS

New York:
Dow Jones ..... 2722.97 (+1.35)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average . 30970.58 (+14.31)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2953.58 (–5.33)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency ..... 117.7 (+0.3)
Sydney: AO ..... 1476.9 (–1.1)
Frankfurt: DAX ... 1899.28 (–35.67)
Brussels:
General ..... 6084.38 (+13.56)
Paris: CAC ..... Closed
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 595.3 (–1.7)
London:
FT.–A All-Share ... 1076.86 (+8.91)
FT.– "500" ..... 1175.35 (+9.90)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 227.0 (+11.4)
FT. Fixed interest .... 85.18 (–0.17)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 76.24 (+0.26)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Lucas ..... 620p (+10p)
Glaxo ..... 786½p (+19½p)
News Corp ..... 462½p (+10p)
Reed International . 392½p (+11p)
Thomson Corp ..... 695p (+10p)
Bass ..... 957½p (+15p)
Whitbread 'A' ..... 379p (+10p)
Independent ..... 372½p (+15p)
Fisons ..... 331½p (+8p)
GKN ..... 404p (+8p)
Brent Walker ..... 301½p (+23p)
Barr & W A 'A' ..... 345p (+10p)
Rothmans 'B' ..... 680p (+10p)
Davies & Newman ..... 400p (+35p)
DAKS Simpson 'A' . 432½p (+10p)
Whatman ..... 370p (+10p)
GUS 'A' ..... 966½p (+37p)
RMC ..... 615p (+10p)
FALLS:
Eastern Produce ..... 312½p (–15p)
Eurotunnel Units ..... 557½p (–12p)
Closing prices
Bargains 21786
SEAQ Volume 309.0m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month Interbank 15¼-15 3/16%
3-month eligible bills: 14 15/32-14 9/16%
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8⅛%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.78-7.76%*
30-year bonds 96⅝-96 11/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6710	£: $1.6698*
£: DM2.7680	$: DM1.6575*
£: SwFr2.3912	$: SwFr1.4332*
£: FFr9.3033	$: FFr5.5690*
£: Yen263.85	$: Yen157.90*
£: Index:87.6	$: Index:67.7
ECU £0.739744	SDR £n/a
£: ECU1.351819	£: SDRn/a

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $372.10 pm-$370.65
close $369.25-369.75 (£220.75-221.25)
New York:
Comex $369.20-369.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jun) $16.85bbl ($16.50)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.33	2.17
Austria Sch	20.35	19.05
Belgium Fr	60.05	56.15
Canada $	2.01	1.91
Denmark Kr	11.05	10.35
Finland Mkk	6.87	6.47
France Fr	9.71	9.11
Germany Dm	2.895	2.715
Greece Dr	279.50	253.50
Hong Kong $	13.65	12.75
Ireland Pt	1.085	1.015
Italy Lira	2130	2000
Japan Yen	278	262
Netherlands Gld	3.235	3.055
Norway Kr	11.29	10.59
Portugal Esc	257	241
South Africa Rd	5.35	4.75
Spain Pta	180.25	168.25
Sweden Kr	10.54	9.94
Switzerland Fr	2.51	2.35
Turkey Lira	4410	4010
USA $	1.75	1.65
Yugoslavia Dnr	24.50	17.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 212.4 (March)

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Revolt at B&C by loan stockholders

By Angela Mackay

BRITISH & Commonwealth, the embattled financial services group, will be pushed close to receivership this week after a meeting of the company's loan stockholders decided to press for repayment of the bonds.

Convened at the Whitbread Brewery in the City, the meeting was attended by holders of B&C's 7¾ per cent convertible unsecured loan stock. Holders of about 30 per cent of the stock on issue were represented. The majority opted to write to the Law Debenture Trust Corporation, B&C's trustees, seeking repayment.

A quorum of 20 per cent of the £320 million of bonds on issue was met at the meeting. Those attending included Mr Paul Hilton of SG Investment, the convenor and chairman of the meeting, Hill Samuel, Legal and General and Singer & Friedlander. B&C, incidentally, owns about 10 per cent of Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank.

Bondholders strived to keep the venue a secret, moving from the offices of James Capel to the converted Whitbread Brewery. Only bondholders and representatives of James Capel and Laing & Cruickshank, the stockbrokers, were admitted to the meeting.

Mr Hilton is expected to issue a statement today saying "a number of significant stockholders will be writing to the trustees seeking repayment." B&C does not have the cash to immediately repay loan stockholders and it is unlikely that the company could avoid going into receivership.

Sources at the meeting said close to 20 per cent of the bond holders who attended the meeting had the power of attorney to call for redemption and that more than 20 per cent would have exercised that power by the end of the week.

B&C had sought to forestall such a decision by issuing a statement on Friday saying the company was well advanced in the formulation of proposals which were "in the best interests of all parties." The company recommended "no precipitate action be taken."

Last night B&C said the proposals will be made public in about 10 days. B&C said the company is a goodwill business and that moves to push for repayment of the loan stock may diminish the value of assets. "What we are trying to avoid is a fire sale," it added.

Three weeks ago, B&C's shares were suspended on the Stock Exchange after the company announced it was writing off £550 million on Atlantic Computers, its computer leasing subsidiary.

Atlantic was placed under the aegis of Price Waterhouse, the administrators. B&C has also retained the special fraud unit at Stephenson Harwood, the solicitor, to examine potential wrongdoing at Atlantic.

The company has promised its bankers it will raise £750 million from asset sales by the middle of 1991, however, after the bondholders' decision to press for repayment yesterday, an orderly asset sale may no longer be an option.

Last week, B&C officially put its banking division on the market and BCI, the group's insurance arm, is also being sold to interests associated with the management.

In a separate development, Law Debenture yesterday said it had appointed Royal Exchange Trust Co to be its attorney and exercise independant duties as trustee for the 7¾ per cent loan stock.

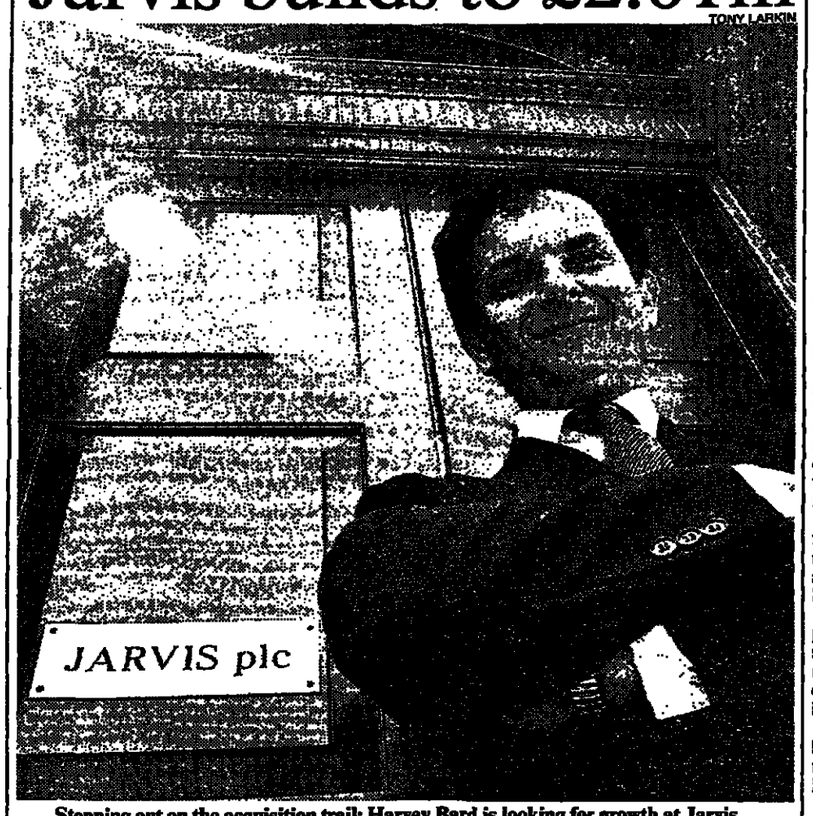
Law debenture is trustee for three classes of B&C's loan stock and raised the alarm when it said that loan stockholders interests were being "materially prejudiced" by events.

In a statement, Law Debenture said, "continuing developments may require different considerations to be taken into account when assessing what is in the best interests."

Comment, page 27

Jarvis builds to £2.01m

TONY LARKIN



Stepping out on the acquisition trail: Harvey Bard is looking for growth at Jarvis

Cautious policy pays off

By Melinda Wittstock

JARVIS Group, the restructured and revitalized building contractor and property dealer, has credited a 33 per cent rise in pre-tax profits on an annualized basis to its policy of avoiding any involvement in speculative property development or housebuilding.

The company, which has twice been rescued in the past five years, made pre-tax profits of £2.01 million in the nine months to end-December, against £1.67 million in the year to end-March before a £719,000 exceptional item relating to a property sale.

Earnings per share for the nine months reached 7.4p, against 8.9p in the previous 12 months, equivalent to 11 per cent growth on an annualized basis. The final dividend is 1.05p, making 1.875p for the nine months, after 2.25p in the previous year – also an 11 per cent annualized increase.

Mr Harvey Bard, the chairman, said the group is looking to buy contracting companies in the Midlands and Southwest. Gearing stands at just 11 per cent, and there is no off balance sheet financing.

Visa fights to stop shops surcharging

By Our City Staff

VISA International, the credit card operator, launched a High Court bid to block Government moves aimed at forcing the company to allow shops to discriminate against card-paying shoppers by surcharging them or offering discounts for cash.

Visa is asking Mr Justice Hodgson to declare that a decision of the Trade Secretary to end the company's "no discrimination" rule was "*ultra vires*, void and of no effect".

It is also challenging the Government's decision to lift restrictions imposed by Visa on the processing of credit card transactions on behalf of merchants. This function is undertaken by a limited number of specially designated "merchant acquirers."

Visa argues that the Government's action is based on a "legally flawed" report published last August by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on credit card services in the UK.

The report concluded that Visa and the Visa banks were part of a complex monopoly and that the "no discrimination" rule operated against the public interest.

The report also found that a Visa policy that no Visa member organization was free to become a "merchant acquirer" in a country in which that member did not issue an acceptable number of Visa cards was against the public interest.

It also recommended that agreements between Visa and its UK members should not include rules or arrangements that had the effect of preventing those members from acting as merchant acquirers, as well as card issuers, from their date of membership of Visa.

Mr Christopher Carr QC, for Visa, argued that the MMC had erred in law in finding that there was a complex monopoly. Its conclusions on the "no discrimination" rule and the merchant acquiring issue were also wrong. The Secretary of State therefore had no power to act on the recommendations.

In March, the DTI abandoned attempts to wrest voluntary undertakings from Visa and said it was opting for statutory orders instead.

The hearing, which is expected to end Friday, continues today.

EC ban on poison pill tactics

**From Peter Guilford
Brussels**

THE European Commission is to outlaw an array of poison pill tactics used by companies to fend off foreign takeovers, in response to complaints that British firms face innumerable hidden barriers when launching overseas bids.

In particular, Brussels will adjust EC law to prevent a targeted company's management from buying up its shares while the bid is still open, unless it has authorization from a full shareholders' meeting.

It will also stop target firms from spiriting shares away into a subsidiary, and will abolish restrictions on shareholders' voting rights.

The Government gave the plans a cautious welcome, but said it would have liked even more ambitious measures to create a "level playing field" between Britain and EC states.

"This is a useful first step, but the Commission has done the basic minimum," said one Brussels-based diplomat.

The diplomat called for an end to "structural barriers," such as the way leading German banks control holdings in German companies at the expense of foreign bidders.

In a recommendation to EC trade ministers, Herr Martin Bangemann, the EC Commissioner for Industry and the Internal Market, said: "Takeover bids should be viewed in a positive light, in that they encourage the selection by market forces of the most competitive companies, and the restructuring of European companies, which is indispensable to meet international competition."

Nine-tenths of takeovers in the EC involve at least one Britain company, according to City estimates, leaving them unfairly exposed to foreign acquisitions but frustrated in their attempts to expand abroad. The guidelines will, none the less, still leave British firms exposed to foreign takeovers.

Under the measures, a subsidiary would be allowed to buy up no more of its parent company than the latter could buy of its subsidiary, and all voting rights attached to shares held by subsidiaries would be suspended.

In addition, non-voting preference shares could account for no more than half the total share capital.

Curbs on voting rights that prevent shareholders from selling their company out to a bidder would be banned.

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Credit and spending down as rates bite

By Colin Narbrough

RETAIL sales and new-credit data brought the Government encouraging signs that high interest rates are seriously curbing consumer demand.

Final figures for March showed a seasonally adjusted 1.8 per cent fall in retail sales from the record level in February to 122.6 on the volume index, mainly reflecting falling sales of household goods. The decline was provisionally put at 1.4 per cent.

In the first quarter, volume sales were 0.7 per cent higher than the previous three months and 1.5 per cent up on the same period last year.

New credit advanced to consumers by UK finance houses, building societies and on bank credit cards was a seasonally adjusted £3.72 billion in March.

This was unchanged from the figure for February and compared with £3.28 billion in March last year.

Dr Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International, said the figures pointed to a slowdown in credit growth and retail sales. But they started from high levels and it was too early to say whether a trend had been established.

The better-than-expected figures were largely ignored by the markets, which were focused on April inflation figures due on Friday.

IMF accord on 50% quota rise

From Rodney Lord, Washington

THE 152 member countries of the International Monetary Fund have reached agreement on an increase of 50 per cent in the size of the Fund's resources, more than two years after the original deadline.

The agreement is part of an intricate package of measures, involving compromises by both rich and poor countries.

Mr John Major, the Chancellor, made a strong plea in the Development Committee of the World Bank for the efficient use of resources by developing countries. There were still too many examples, he said, of "questionable military purchases" and "white elephant public sector projects involving large foreign exchange costs that can ill be afforded."

Development programmes would be much helped if governments became "more accountable" to their peoples, he said.

The agreement on quotas (subscriptions) in the IMF links several different issues on which compromises have been reached. Britain, which originally proposed a 25 per cent quota increase, and the US have had to accept a larger increase in quotas than they would have preferred. But the final figure is only half the doubling of quotas wanted by M Michel Camdessus, the managing director of the Fund, France and many developing countries.

The prize landed by the US, in which it was supported by all the other Group of Seven leading industrial countries, is the direct linking of the quota increase to a firmer treatment of arrears in the Fund. The main feature of this is the creation of a state of "suspension" into which members in arrears may be placed. Previously, the only discipline was the "nuclear" option of expulsion from the Fund.

To obtain the direct linkage, the US has had to concede on a number of other fronts. The next quota increase will fall due by March 31, 1993, five years after the original deadline rather than from the actual completion of the quota review as the US and Britain would have preferred.

The rich countries have also agreed to bear more of the cost to the Fund of countries in arrears. Until 1986, the cost of arrears was shared out among other Fund debtors. Since then, it has been shared equally by all Fund members, according to their quota share.

As part of the new agreement, "asymmetrical burden sharing" will be introduced under which creditors – the rich countries – will pay three times as much as debtor countries.

Access limits to Fund money will remain unchanged until the increase in quotas becomes effective, at which point they will be reduced.

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Warning given of shortfall at Sketchley

SKETCHLEY, the beleaguered dry cleaning and industrial services group, has issued a warning that profits for the year will "fall materially short" of the £6 million forecast in February at the time of an aborted £126 million bid by Godfrey Davis (Melinda Wittstock writes).

And the company's new management, installed last month to ward off a second £93.4 million bid from Compass Group, said it was sacking three executive directors.

There had been "under-provisions" in the forecast, which Mr John Gillum, chairman, said were impossible to quantify until the audit for the year to end-March, 1990, was completed early next month.

Convertibles exposure causes blackspot in HK Bank's empire

James Capel goes into the red again

From Lulu Yu, Hong Kong

JAMES Capel, the British broker owned by the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, has fallen back into the red after being caught over-exposed to the convertible bond market.

The troubled firm incurred an after-tax loss of £7 million in the first quarter of this year compared with pre-tax profits of £4.6 million for the whole of 1989. Capel would not say what the figures were for the first quarter of 1989, other than that they were in profit.

Speaking at the bank's annual meeting in Hong Kong, Mr William Purves, the chairman, blamed the downturn on losses from market-making in convertibles in Britain. The rest of the group had turned in a small profit, he said.

Capel was caught with too long an exposure to convertibles in a falling market. The firm has since substantially reduced its exposure of positions and staff have been reduced from 40 to 31. Mr Barry Collins, the director responsible for the convertible bond operation, resigned in February.

The broking firm has had a rough ride in recent years and has been hit by a wave of resignations, including Mr Peter Quinnen, its chairman, who left in March. Under Mr Quinnen, aged 44, James Capel became an international broking firm with offices in Europe, North America and Asia, with revenue leaping from £30 million in 1985 to £200 million last year.

Quinnen: took revenue to £200m

But the firm was badly hit by the world-wide stock market crash, incurring losses of £14 million in 1987 and £32 million in 1988. Capel returned to profit last year, but Mr Quinnen resigned after Mr Purves refused to consider selling the operation. A Capel spokesman last night said there was no question of Hongkong Bank selling the broking firm.

At the annual meeting, Mr Purves also disclosed that the Hongkong Bank had injected a total of US$300 million to boost the capital base of the Marine Midland Bank, its US subsidiary.

The infusion, made earlier this year, reverses in part the capital dilution Marine Midland suffered through property loan losses. Mr Purves said the US bank made "only a very small profit for the first quarter" and that it would refocus on its core regional business.

The Hongkong Bank of Canada, on the other hand, reported a large increase of net profits to Can$10.1 million (£5.2 million) in the three months ended January 31, up 25 per cent from a year ago. The bank has an agreement to acquire the Lloyds Bank of Canada for Can$190 million in a deal which will make Hong Kong Bank the largest foreign bank in Canada. "We are hopeful that regulatory approval for the purchase will be given during May," said Mr Purves.

Improved bid by IAWS rejected

By Melinda Wittstock

AN IMPROVED Ir£44.1 million (£42.8 million) bid has been launched by IAWS Group, the Dublin animal feed and fertilizer company, for R & H Hall, the Cork grain, feed and fuel merchant.

But Hall, which rejected the previous bid of Ir186p a share, rejected the improved cash and shares offer, valuing the shares at about Ir200p each.

It said the terms do not fully reflect the value of Hall and called on shareholders to take no action yet.

Hall said it would comment further when IAWS reports its interim results next month.

IAWS is offering Hall shareholders 10 new ordinary shares, plus Ir500p cash and Ir700p of convertible unsecured loan notes, for every 10 shares held.

The previous bid, worth about Ir£2 million less, offered 17 IAWS shares for every 10 held in Hall plus Ir50p in cash for each Hall share.

There is a possibility the bid will be referred to the Republic's monopolies commission, as the combined group would command a 60 per cent share of the feed market. IAWS believes it has a "strong case" to present, particularly given the EC dimension.

But in a statement Hall said its board was gravely concerned at the monopoly implications "for Hall's customers and the industry as a whole."

IAWS also announced it has won an irrevocable undertaking by W & R Barnett, a family agribusiness in Northern Ireland, to accept the offer in respect of its 24.9 per cent stake. IAWS now controls 27.7 per cent of Hall.

Shares in Hall climbed Ir10p to Ir183p.

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Progress slows at Nu-Swift

NU-SWIFT, the fire services and office cleaning group, appears to have sold its French operation SICLI at an opportune moment. Profits have not, says Nu-Swift, showed the same growth as previous years. In the period to end-December, SICLI turned in profits only modestly ahead at Fr257 million (£27.65 million) compared with Ff244 million in 1988 on a turnover which was static.

But the sale, which took place after the year-end, is likely to leave some leeway to be recouped in the Nu-Swift profit and loss account during the current trading period.

The deal raised £184 million in cash, which has wiped out borrowings and left the group with healthy cash balances. But Nu-Swift would need to clear a 15 per cent rate of return to replace the profits forgone by the disposal.

All the more puzzling then that Nu-Swift says it has been exploring the possibility of diverting some of the surplus funds into property, where the returns, at least initially, are likely to be well below today's high rates.

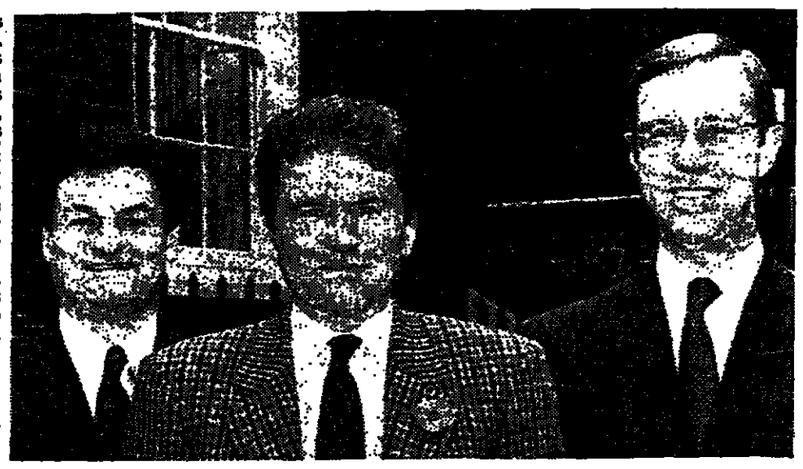
As for last year, it was not one of Nu-Swift's vintage periods, with group profits including 12 months of SICLI, rising modestly from £30.76 million to £31.8 million. This was reflected in the same-again dividend payment of 15p. The slowdown is emphasized by contrast with the recent surge in profits which were a mere £4.5 million in 1984.

Turnover in Britain was sluggish at £20.8 million against £19.4 million and pre-tax profits inched forward from £7.1 million to £7.3 million.

The results took in a first full-year contribution of £8.9 million from National Cleaning group in the US, but after amortization of goodwill and financing costs, this shrank to £0.9 million.

Assuming Nu-Swift makes no acquisitions, the current year will probably show a fall in profits to about £28 million, putting the shares on an earnings multiple of 11.2. The likelihood is that Nu-Swift will use a good deal of the cash to make acquisitions both here and in the US.

Given the 57 per cent stake held by the chairman and the further 20 per cent owned by Mr Michael Ashcroft, the shares look to be abreast of events.



Tough year: Paul, left, and John Hanson with Michael Rowley, finance director

Parkland

IN VIEW of the devastating wave of closures that has swept the West Yorkshire woollen and worsted industries since the war, Parkland Textile has done well to survive, never mind prosper.

Three years ago, Messrs John and Paul Hanson took over the running of the company, which had been brought to the stock market in the thirties by their father and uncle. Profits rose to £2.57 million in 1988-89, more than double the £1.22 million made in 1985-86, the year before they took charge.

However, that recent figure was in fact no higher than Parkland achieved a decade ago, and since last year trading conditions have deteriorated markedly. The company gave warning in March that a sharp fall in demand from British retailers in the third and fourth quarters meant that profits in 1989-90 would drop to between £1.90 million and £2.05 million.

The final outcome was at the top end of that range at £2.04 million, a fall of 21 per cent. Fortunately, earnings per share were only 1 per cent down at 23.9p, as Parkland's high capital spending programme led to a two-thirds fall in the tax charge.

Parkland expects the current year will be "extremely tough," though sales so far are 15 per cent up. Analysts forecast only a modest reduction in profits to £2 million, but a return to a more normal tax charge will cut earnings to 19p, leaving the non-voting A shares, up 8p at 118p, on a prospective p/e ratio of 6 and yielding 7.6 per cent.

The good news is that a £4.2 million property surplus has taken asset backing to more than 300p per share. But as ordinary shares trade at only 205p, the market appears to think the Hanson brothers are not going to take a really radical approach to unlocking the value in their company while they are protected by a two-tier voting structure.

UK Land

THINGS have definitely become a little strange when a two-thirds fall in pre-tax profits prompts a rise in a company's share price.

In the battle-scarred property sector, a fall in interim pre-tax profits from £4.43 million to £1.72 million saw the price of shares in UK Land rise 20p to 335p, adding to the 40p they put on the week before.

Clearly, the market had been expecting a far worse picture to emerge.

UK Land gives the appearance of moving in the right direction. The big imponderable is whether the dreadful state of the real property market will allow it to continue to put its house in order.

The biggest positive step is the reduction in the company's gearing, down from an eye-watering 300 per cent last September to a still painful but more manageable 125 per cent. As normal, no interim dividend is paid.

But there are still serious grounds for concern. The profit and loss account show interest payable in the six months to March of £1.23 million. But a note to the accounts shows that a further £1.3 million of interest has been capitalized against the company's development programme.

That means a total of £2.53 million of interest charges has been paid out on total borrowings of £44 million, during a period when rents brought in only £1.94 million. The implication would have been quite clear to Mr Micawber.

Shareholders should not relax until further disposals – or increased rents – result in rental income covering interest charges and, preferably, administrative expenses.

The board, under Mr Colin Tett, the chairman, is working hard in that direction.

It recently painted south London's Elephant & Castle shopping centre bright pink, a move which, if nothing else, successfuly increased the public's awareness of the 1960s centre.

But further disposals into a lacklustre market will have to be made before the shares come back into favour.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Dividend uncovered at Associated Paper

ASSOCIATED Paper Industries is paying out more in interim dividends than it earned in net profits in the six months ended March, when pre-tax profits fell from £1.04 million to £817,000. The dividend is held at 2.75p, costing £581,000 and payable on July 2, on earnings of 2.5p a share or a net profit of £547,000.

Mr Charles Rawlinson, the chairman, says the refocusing of API, including the final withdrawal from paper-making, is now substantially complete. There was a £723,000 extraordinary charge in the half-year taken below the pre-tax line. Interim turnover was £38.3 million (£39.7 million).

Tomson in £61m rights

TOMSON Pacific, which has agreed to pay HK$2 billion for Bond Corp Holding's 61 per cent stake in Hong Kong-listed Bond Corp International, is raising about HK$800 million (£61.5 million) in a one-for-one rights issue, at HK$0.80 a share, accompanied by an issue of one new 1993 warrant for every 10 rights shares.

Jackson leaps to £3.75m

JACKSON Group, the East Anglian construction and property company, boosted pre-tax profits by 29 per cent to £3.75 million in 1989. Sales rose by 35 per cent to £60.6 million and earnings per share rose from 8.6p to 11.2p. A final dividend of 2p is proposed, making the total for the year 3.2p, up from 2.65p. Shares in the group jumped 10p to 118p.

El Oro payout rises

EL ORO Mining & Exploration Company and the Exploration Company – of which El Oro holds 45.06 per cent, and which has 49.85 per cent of El Oro – are both raising their only dividends for the year ended December.

El Oro's dividend rises from 10p to 12p following a net profit of £1.87 million (£1.16 million), and Exploration's dividend rises from 5p to 6p a share after net profits of £2.11 million (£1.48 million). El Oro reports a net asset value of £10.62 a share, and Exploration a net worth of 487.5p a share at balance sheet date. El Oro shares traded at 388p yesterday, and Exploration shares at 185p.

Hay profits rise to £1.9m

NORMAN Hay, the metals and plastics processing group, lifted pre-tax profits from £1.82 million to £1.97 million in the year to end-December, on turnover up from £16 million to £17.1 million. Earnings per share rose from 7.77p to 8.05p. The final dividend is maintained at 1.5p, making 2.26p (2.16p) for the year. The shares lost 3p to 85p.

Ericsson set for 25% rise

LM ERICSSON, the Swedish telecommunications group, has forecast a 25 per cent profits rise for the current year, compared with SKr 3.7 billion (£370 million) in 1989. The company's first quarter results showed an increase in pre-tax profits from SKr609 million to SKr 1.18 billion. Net earnings per share rose to SKr17.25 from SKr 9.19.

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The Guinness trial

Saunders 'persuaded' about fees to advisers

By A Correspondent

THE sacked Guinness chief Ernest Saunders was "persuaded" that the company should pay extremely large success fees to advisers after the bitter takeover battle for Distillers, a court heard yesterday.

The payments were £3 million to Mr Anthony Parnes, the stockbroker; a similar figure to Sir Jack Lyons, the millionaire financier; and £5.2 million to Mr Tom Ward, the American lawyer and Guinness director.

Mr Saunders told Department of Trade inspectors, appointed to inquire into the £2.7 billion takeover of Distillers, that the payments to Mr Parnes and Sir Jack were American-style success fees.

Transcripts of interviews with DTI inspectors in February, 1987, were read at Southwark Crown Court.

He told one inspector, Mr David Donaldson, QC, that Mr Olivier Roux, the former Guinness finance director, felt the pair had "performed extremely valuable services."

Mr Donaldson asked: "You were the senior director of this company, didn't you form your own view about whether it was appropriate to spend £3 million of shareholders money paying Parnes?"

Mr Saunders replied: "I was persuaded, as I recall, that Parnes provided exceptionally dedicated services to Olivier Roux during the bid."

And he claimed the fees had been discussed in principle and, in time, would have come before the executive committee at Guinness.

But Mr Donaldson asked if Mr Saunders had taken the view that Mr Parnes was worth five times more than Cazenove, Guinness' main broker, which was paid £600,000.

"At the time concerned, I was persuaded that this was a success fee for the exceptional work Parnes conducted for Roux," replied Mr Saunders.

And he said that the payment was for valuable market intelligence provided by Mr Parnes.

But Mr Donaldson commented: "On that basis, you valued Parnes at £9 million a year."

Mr Saunders replied: "Well, the American system, as I understand it, of success fees doesn't work quite like that."

He said it was felt that "people who put themselves out exceptionally should be exceptionally rewarded."

Mr Donaldson asked if, with hindsight, the fees were too large. Mr Saunders replied: "Probably."

Mr Saunders said the payment for Sir Jack was for his business contacts at board level and getting companies to assent Distillers shares to Guinness.

And he said the payment to Mr Ward was half a success fee and half as a payment for him remaining in this country and working for Guinness, rather than returning to his practice in the USA.

Mr Saunders said he could not recall whether he had told the board of the payments to Mr Parnes and Sir Jack, but believed he may have discussed Mr Ward's payment with Lord Iveagh, the Guinness president

He denied knowing of the other payments, which total £25 million, given after the bid.

But he said he would expect them all to have come routinely before the board and go before the company's auditors.

Mr Saunders, aged 54; Mr Gerald Ronson, aged 50, head of Heron Corporation; Mr Parnes, aged 44; and Sir Jack, aged 74, variously deny 24 charges including theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act.

It is alleged an illegal share support operation was mounted to ensure a Guinness victory over Argyll, with success fees and indemnities being paid to investors recruited to the brewing group's cause.

The trial continues today.

Fiat plans to boost dividends

Turin

FIAT proposes raising its dividends for 1989 on its ordinary and preferred shares to 370 lire (18p) from L320 in 1988 and its savings share dividend to L400 from L350. Fiat's shareholders will review the proposals at the annual meeting on June 28.

The company also said that it has spent L86 billion (£288 million) so far under its L1,000 billion share buy-back programme, approved last June.

Fiat has bought back 46.7 million ordinary shares, 7.74 million preferred shares and 6.05 million savings shares. The totals reflect purchases made up to yesterday.

Fiat's shares have climbed steadily on the Milan bourse in the last week on expectations of higher dividends.

The ordinary shares closed nearly 1 per cent higher at L10,479, but fell yesterday afternoon to L10,450 before the company released its full 1989 results. Fiat had earlier announced a 9 per cent rise in consolidated net profits.

(Reuter)

Germans 'need to outlaw insiders'

By Wolfgang Münchau
European Business Correspondent

WEST Germany should adopt tough insider dealing rules if Frankfurt is to succeed in rivalling London as one of Europe's leading financial centres, according to Herr Hilmar Kopper, chief executive of Deutsche Bank.

Herr Kopper's comments mark a change of heart by West Germany's most influential financial institution. Until last year, Deutsche Bank, which owns Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, has maintained that current regulations were sufficient.

However, the change of mood comes amid hopes that Frankfurt, tipped as the front-runner to house a European central bank, has a chance of becoming Europe's leading financial centre.

Insider dealing is not a criminal or civil offence in West Germany. It is governed by a gentleman's agreement, which aims to exclude known insider dealers from conducting business in Frankfurt.

However, in the wake of harmonization of the rules governing the European securities industry, West Germany's *laissez faire* attitude may no longer be tenable.

Kopper: change of heart

Herr Kopper said: "If we want to play the international game, we need rules that match the situation."

He added that the current system was not adequate, as some securities firms have refused to sign the voluntary agreement. He favours the British approach of making insider dealing a criminal offence. Herr Kopper has also indicated that other parts of West German security legislation would have to go, in particular the practice of limiting voting rights, aimed at protecting German companies against hostile bids.

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Customs support EC plan to simplify VAT checks

From Peter Guilford, Brussels

EUROPEAN customs authorities have given their blessing to an EC strategy designed to scrap most VAT checks at EC borders after 1992.

They will be replaced instead by simplified paperwork and tougher policing against tax evasion among Europe's biggest traders.

Mr Brian Unwin, chairman of Britain's Customs and Excise, welcomed the plans, which were endorsed yesterday by the European Commission. He said: "They will mean much less paperwork and a streamlined system for many traders."

Customs were also satisfied the proposals would give them built-in safeguards to crack down on any surge in fraud when tax borders disappear.

However, Brussels plans to scrap the new proposals by 1997 in favour of a more radical tax régime, under which VAT on goods would be levied in their country of origin.

Under the latest plans, VAT will still be collected in the country where goods are consumed, although motor vehicles and mail order catalogue purchases will be taxed where the owner resides. Brussels fears a stampede of mail order firms wishing to set up in Luxembourg, where VAT rates are the lowest in the EC.

Under the new scheme, traders would no longer have to stop at EC border posts, and the Single Administrative Document (SAD) that they have to show at every crossing would be abolished.

Instead, small firms need only add import and export statistics to their quarterly VAT returns, while the top 20 per cent of Europe's traders would have to submit additional information on the origin, destination, cost and description of their bulk merchandise. Importers will no longer have to answer the 54 questions in the SAD, now required for every import.

The Commission is clearly singling out the bigger traders, who carry 80 per cent of EC cross-border trade, for special surveillance. But the proposals give no clear mention of where the dividing line between small and large traders will fall.

Current VAT rates will not be directly affected, although Mme Christiane Scrivener, EC Tax Commissioner, implied greater intra-EC trade would allow market forces to "give a pretty good nudge" to bring VAT rates together.

The change will mean that 1,500 Customs and Excise staff working on VAT matters at ports and airports will transfer to roles at area offices.

Porton links with St George's

Collaborators: John Burke, Porton's chief operating officer (left), and Professor Asscher, dean of St George's

PORTON International, the biotechnology group angling to buy an important government health laboratory through privatization, has linked with south London's St George's, one of Britain's leading hospital medical schools (Melinda Wittstock writes).

An innovative deal allows Porton to exploit commercially new drugs and treatments created at the school over the next 20 years. It will invest a minimum of £500,000 a year, or £10 million in total, towards development costs, and will own the patents to all the new products, with St George's set to receive royalty payments of between 3 and 5 per cent, depending on whether it or Porton has initiated the research.

If the research, on heart disease, virology and stomach disorders, is commercially viable, St George's will plough its royalty earnings back into further research and development. The deal does not prevent St George's from linking with other commercial groups on other projects should Porton not show an interest.

"This is not a takeover; it's a collaboration. We looked long and hard for the right partner. But we must make sure we maintain the virginity of academia," said Professor William Asscher, the dean.

R-R wins $600m engine contract

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

ROLLS-ROYCE has clinched a $600 million deal to supply the world's biggest package delivery airline with replacement engines for its 80 Boeing 727 jets.

United Parcel Service, which is based in Greenwich, Connecticut, and flies nearly 3 billion packages and documents to the 50 American states and more than 180 countries, has become the launch customer for Rolls-Royce's new Tay engine. Many more airlines are expected to follow suit.

Tough noise regulations introduced as a result of increasing concern about noise pollution at airports round the world, especially in the US, had threatened to make many older jets obsolete. But Rolls-Royce produced the Tay as a replacement engine which would be much quieter and provide greater fuel efficiency.

UPS operates mainly at night, but has been increasingly forced to stop flying into the growing number of noise-sensitive airports in the US. Replacing its entire fleet of 80 aircraft would have proved prohibitively expensive. The Tay is a simple and comparatively cheap alternative. Rolls-Royce will supply a total of 280 of the engines to UPS from next year.

It is estimated that more than 3,000 commercial aircraft worldwide fail to meet the new noise regulations — known as Chapter Three requirements — and Rolls-Royce is confident that the Tay will be chosen to prolong the life of many of them.

The Tay 650 is a development of the successful Spey engine and was designed for use on the new Fokker 100, Gulfstream IV and aircraft of similar size. It also fits neatly into such ageing jets as the 727 and the BAC 1-11, many of which will have to be scrapped unless they can be made to operate more quietly.

As well as providing a 12 per cent improvement in fuel economy, extended range and reduced maintenance costs, the Tay reduces the area over which noise levels reach 85 decibels by nearly 75 per cent during full-power take off.

COMMENT

Restoring order in the growing chaos at B&C

Leaving aside risky accounting policies and the possibility of large-scale fraud at Atlantic Computers, virtually all the problems which have beset British & Commonwealth can be traced to the rise in interest rates. High interest rates left their black spot on money broking, computer leasing, fund management and virtually every other activity which B&C engaged in. John Gunn, architect of B&C, found himself operating in an unexpectedly hostile environment, and what were profits when base rates were below 10 per cent became losses when they moved into double figures, and stayed there.

This is not to say that Gunn is deserving of sympathy: he made a devastating business error by opting for the mix of businesses that he did, and by taking the "earnings" side of B&C while leaving the "assets" with the Cayzer family. He could see the upside, but failed to appreciate the downside. Successful business has to measure the downside first.

But the hostile interest-rate environment may be a factor in what seems to be a determined effort to keep B&C afloat when other companies would have been allowed to fail. The country has little real need of financial conglomerates such as B&C, and a system which will allow shipyards to go to the wall while edifices such as B&C are kept alive may have a warped hierarchy of values. That said, the reputation of the City of London needs some protection, especially in the light of those in Europe who would seek to steal its crown.

Holders of the 7¾ per cent convertible loan stock who met yesterday, after an extraordinary cat-and-mouse game with the media which was won by the fourth estate (by the time the meeting broke up at its "secret" location, even the television cameras had arrived), will probably be brought to heel by the Old Lady, even though the mood of the meeting was to pull the plug, demand repayment, and allow the other creditors to take their chances. Law Debenture Corporation has wisely opted out of advising them because of possible conflicts between different classes of creditors.

Until we see the colour of the B&C reconstruction, the Royal Exchange Trust, which has taken on Law Debenture's role for the 7¾ per cent convertible loan stock, would do well to advise the holders to sit on their hands.

There is more to be gained for the City than lost by agreeing to an orderly scheme of reconstruction, since many of the holders of the convertible stock are probably up to their armpits in other forms of B&C debt and equity. B&C would seek protection from creditors in the event that push by the convertible holders threatens to shove it into bankruptcy. Better by far that B&C makes its own plans, in conjunction with all its creditors. Wouldn't you agree, Ma'am?

In the red at the Euro bank

The putative Anglo-French deal to site the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London — but make Mitterrand aide Jacques Attali its first chief executive — may still prove embarrassing. Forty other EBRD members, some of which have also been angling to host the bank, are supposed to decide the issue on May 30 and the combined British and French vote, if also backed by the United States, would still amount to only 27 per cent.

Many will surely accept the logic of siting the bank in Europe's premier financial centre, rather than somewhere nearer the borrowers, such as Vienna. But they may still wonder why yet another international institution has to be headed by a Frenchman.

The French government, for whom the EBRD scheme was apparently a concession made to get its way on IMF quotas, may also have been thinking ahead to the putative European central bank. Since it would be hard to stop this being run by a German, it will be bargaining hard to have it sited in Paris. The most optimistic hope for the British is that the central bank could be on the lines of the US Federal Reserve Board, with the Bank of England acting as its agent in financial markets.

As a consolation prize, however, having the EBRD in London could be extremely valuable. The bank should create 500 and possibly up to 1,000 jobs directly. There is plenty of spare quality office space — and investment bankers to deal with the companies who will account for most of the borrowings.

London needs a boost to its status as Europe's financial centre in the face of increased competition from Paris and Frankfurt, particularly in the bond markets.

David Brewerton

Grovewood raises stake in Marians

By Matthew Bond

GROVEWOOD Securities, in bid talks with Priest Marians, the West End property group, has increased its interest in the company to 23.4 per cent.

The increase resulted from Grovewood's conversion of £2.21 million of convertible unsecured loan stock issue. It is now Priest Marian's second largest shareholder behind JMB Realty, the US developer with 28.3 per cent.

Realty took over Randsworth Trust, the property company formerly chaired by Mr David Holland, now chairman of Grovewood Securites.

Mr Holland has been joined on the Grovewood board by Mr Tony Brayford, a former director of Randsworth and the third such on the Grovewood board.

Although talks are proceeding, Grovewood is unlikely to make an offer for Priest Marians until it has resolved its £13 million bid for Early's of Witney, the property-rich blanket maker. It now has acceptances from shareholders speaking for 64 per cent.

A bid for Priest Marians could also be dependent on that group's disposal programme. Yesterday it announced it had raised £2.7 million from the sale of shares in Marina Developments.

N Sea gas projects given go-ahead

By Colin Narbrough

THE Government has given the go-ahead to a North Sea gas field development and a major undersea pipeline together worth nearly £400 million.

Mr Peter Morrison, the Energy Minister, announced formal approval for the projects yesterday at the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston, Texas.

Arco, the US energy group, can now proceed with its £200 million development of the Pickerill field, off the coast of East Anglia. Recoverable reserves are estimated at 202 billion cubic feet, with a field life of 18 years. Mobil received the go-ahead to build a 200-mile pipeline worth £190 million to bring gas from the Beryl fields to St Fergus on the Scottish mainland.

Mr Morrison said he was pleased that Arco was placing a "very substantial" part of the work with the British offshore industry.

Pickerill, which will consist of two normally unmanned platforms linked by a pipeline, will bring gas ashore to the Lincolnshire Offshore Gas Gathering System.

The 30-inch diameter Beryl pipeline will be linked with a new gas terminal Mobil is planning at St Fergus.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Bringing home the bacon

AS FAST as some City firms quit market-making, saying over-capacity and low volumes have made it a loss-making exercise, others spring up to fill in the gaps. Whitefriars, a small international firm, hitherto an agency broker, is about to make markets in Danish securities — since Bikuben, the third largest bank in Denmark, has just raised its stake in the firm from 15 to 86 per cent — and some British stocks. Managing director Robin Hendy, ex-Bisgood Bishop, County NatWest — where he was head of sales trading — and ANZ Bank, claims that his timing could not be better. Since the British stocks Whitefriars will be dealing in will be smaller companies — USMs and gammas — he has had considerable support from other City institutions. "Smaller companies are out of favour at the moment and that makes it a good time to get into it," Hendy says. "And since it will improve liquidity among smaller companies, existing broking firms and City institutions have been very supportive." Whitefriars has a second office in Wolverhampton, which is its research base, and it is thus involved with a number of small companies in that area. "Initially we will be concentrating on those British companies we have a specialist knowledge of," he adds.

Accounts vetted

CITY workers who were accosted by aspiring vets clutching collection tins at Bank Tube station will be pleased to hear that students at the Royal Veterinary College — part of the University of London — are anxious to stay on the right side of the forces of law. City of London police granted a licence for the collection on January 25 on the understanding that accounts would be published in a newspaper which circulates in the Square Mile. And they now dutifully tell me that £1,125.59 was raised. After the deduction of expenses of £1.32 they sent £374.79 each to Action for Research into MS and Animal Care Trust and a further £124.90 each to Childline, Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust and WWF.

● *AS the City attempted to come to terms with the new dialling codes for London, some witty soul invented a new nick-name for British Telecom boss Iain Valance — Lord of the Re-Rings.*

Risk whisk

From the Pentagon to County NatWest . . . but not quite in one fell swoop. Gregory Kipnis, hitherto responsible for all trading and risk activities at Morgan Stanley — and on the board of the New York Futures Exchange to boot — has been snapped up by County NatWest as head of its risk management. Risk management is one of the three key areas in the firm, as identified by its comparatively new chief executive, Tim Ferguson, with customer services and operations. Kipnis, an American of Belgian parentage — assigned to the Pentagon as an econometrist during his years in the US Air Force in the late 1960s — and at present based in New York, is therefore a key appointment for Ferguson. "He is very important to us since he will have traders reporting to him within Europe and he will have capital responsibility for the rest of the world — managing the equity balance sheet worldwide," says Ferguson. Kipnis, aged 48, will be moving from New York to London in time for his May 21 start date, with his family following in a year or so. Ferguson says he was forced to recruit an American because there simply was no home grown talent available. "There is no one in the London market who really manages risk in the way we are looking to do it," he says.

"Snob value."

● *Anyone hoping for promotion or a pay rise in these lean times in the Square Mile should watch their weight. American researchers claim that business executives who are tall and slim stand a better chance of a fat pay packet than their tubby colleagues. So much so that while the average salary for a professional person in the US is $47,762 a year, a six feet tall man can expect all of $4,676 more.*

Educating Janet

There are clearly no limits to the multi-talented Janet Cohen. Apart from being a corporate finance director at Charterhouse merchant bank, restaurateur — she helped start two successful London restaurants Café Pelican and Pelican du Sud and is still a part-owner — and novelist, with her third thriller, *Death of a Partner* due to be published this year, Cohen, aged 49, is now taking up a public office. She will become one of the two "outsiders" on the School Examinations and Assessment Council, which entails a commitment of 20 days a year. The council advises Education Minister John MacGregor on all matters concerning the performance assessment of schoolchildren. An associate fellow of Newnham College, Cambridge, who once worked on a building site doing industrial relations, Cohen now has three school-age children and is, she says, "extremely interested in education." As a former civil servant — with the Department of Trade and Industry — she should certainly be particularly useful. But her introduction to MacGregor dates, she reveals, from a far more colourful event. "We met when we were both doing *Any Questions* three years ago and he was then chief secretary to the Treasury. We got on straight away and he came round for lunch . . . ."

Carol Leonard

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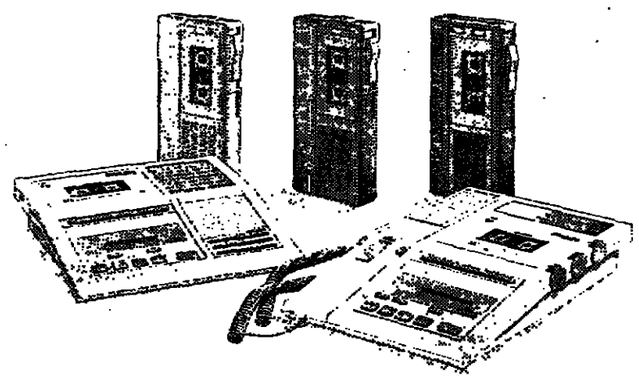

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Inflation expected to boost US profits

From John Durie
New York

US corporate profits have slipped 32 per cent in the last six months but most US economists are predicting average US profits will rise between 2.4 and 8 per cent over the course of 1990.

The main reason for the predicted increase in profits is inflation, which has shown signs of increasing throughout the world and rose by 8.5 per cent in the first quarter of this year in the United States.

Lower oil prices will also benefit US airlines and other industries which reported disappointing earnings in the first quarter of this year.

Any increase in corporate profits would be a boon for the Dow Jones industrial average, which is trading well above other indexes on the New York Stock Exchange.

Since the October 1987 crash the Dow Jones is up by 53 per cent against an 8.5 per cent rise in average stock prices on the NYSE and a 0.6 per cent decline on the American stock exchange.

Over the last 12 months the *Dow is up 13.1 per cent* against a 9 per cent rise in the wider index, the Standard and Poor's 500. Typically the Dow, which includes only large *blue chip* companies, outperforms the total market just prior to a downturn in the overall stock market.

First-quarter profits in the US were down 18 per cent due primarily to some large losses in financial services, transport stocks and the car industry and increases in both labour and interest costs.

US utilities, conglomerates and energy companies were the main sectors which enjoyed an increase in profits in the first quarter.

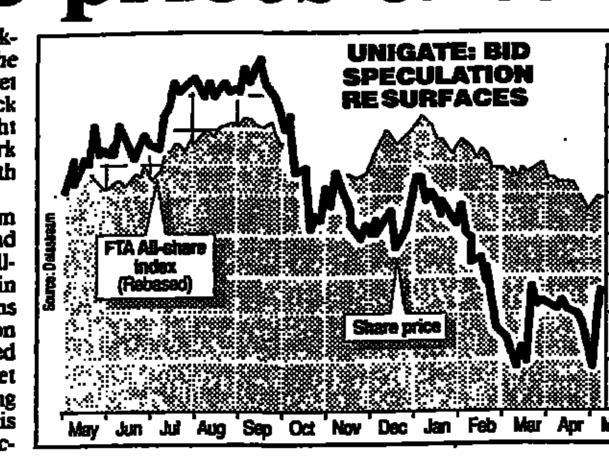
STOCK MARKET

New York strength helps share prices extend rally

HARD-pressed market-makers were again feeling the squeeze as the equity market extended its rally on the back of a confident overnight performance in New York where prices rose for the sixth consecutive trading day

Investors returning from the bank holiday weekend appeared confident and willing to chase prices higher in exceptionally thin conditions which saw a paltry 309 million shares traded. They seemed unconcerned that Wall Street was showing signs of running out of steam ahead of this week's $30 billion bond auction which started last night and left prices here closing below their best.

The FT-SE 100 Index finished 19.8 up at 2,182.0, having been 30 points higher. The FT index of 30 shares rose 13.3 to 1,710.1 Government securities spent a volatile day before closing £⅛ better at the longer end, helped by another firm performance by the pound.



Stag Furniture has outperformed a depressed sector but is still trading at a 26 per cent discount to its asset value of 148p a share where it yields 9 per cent. Stag's own broker, Panmure Gordon, is urging its *clients to buy the shares*, unchanged at 110p, for their income value.

Among the leaders, **Glaxo** jumped 20p to 787p – matching the New York price at the weekend.

Revived bid hopes lifted **Unigate**, the dairy products and transport group, by 10p to 289p following reports that Mr Garry Weston's Associated British Foods had built up a 2 per cent stake. Unigate is regarded as an ideal break-up target with Mr Larry Goodman, the Irish financier, holding about 9 per cent.

At the last count, AB Foods boasted cash holdings approaching £1 billion. Both AB Foods and Mr Goodman also own large stakes in Berisford International, the food and commodity trader, currently in bid talks with Tate & Lyle.

It is unlikely that either would launch a bid for Unigate until the situation at Berisford is resolved. There has also been some talk that the Milk Marketing Board may be disbanded or reorganized this year, which would deter any potential bidder.

Saatchi & Saatchi, the troubled advertising agency, added 10p to 117p as hopes of a bid were revived following further speculative buying overnight in the US.

Mr Joseph Marciano, a shareholder, is promising a bid of 200p a share if other shareholders support him in his attempt to become chairman. He is believed to have circulated his offer to Saatchi's top 100 shareholders. Last week saw the departure of two main-board directors who were holding out against the changes proposed by the new chief executive, Mr Robert Louis-Dreyfus.

Southeastern Asset Management, the US fund manager, continues to hold a near 10 per cent stake.

Breweries sparkled, thanks to the recent warm weather and a continued rerating of the sector. Rises were seen in **Bass**, 15p to 958p, **Grand Metropolitan**, 8p to 580p, **Greene, King** 3p to 330p, **Allied-Lyons**, 1p to 429p and **Vaux**, 6p to 209p.

Whitbread A rose 10p to 379p while the B held steady at £12.50 with dealers speculating on the future of companies with a two-tier voting structure as the EC starts to look into poison pill tactics used in some bids.

Dixons responded to the news that it expects to exceed the pre-tax profits forecast of £70 million made in January as part of its defence against the £568 million bid from **Kingfisher**. The shares ended 5p better at 125p.

The Monopolies Commission has completed its inquiry into the Kingfisher bid and the market is now awaiting the decision from the Government as to whether it will be allowed to proceed. Kingfisher rose 5p to 283p.

IAWS Group is bidding 200p a share for **R&H Hall**, the Irish grain and feeds group, valuing it at Ir£44.1 million. The Hall price jumped 10p to 183p. IAWS is offering 10 of its own shares, plus 500p in cash, for for every 10 Hall shares.

Midsummer Leisure held steady at 120p as it continued to urge shareholders to reject the £87 million bid from European Leisure with just three days of the bid left.

Another casualty of the collapse in the property market is **UK Land** where interim pre-tax profits have tumbled from £4.4 million to £1.7 million and earnings a share were more than halved to 27p. A few weeks ago, the market was predicting a first-half loss.

The threat of increased competition from Saint-Gobain weighs heavy with Pilkington. The shares slipped a further 3p to 191p with brokers taking an increasingly gloomy view of prospects. Final figures next month are expected to show profits down from £352 million to £340 million.

Elsewhere in property, **Priest Marians** firmed 1p to 201p following the news that Grovewood Securities had picked up another 670,000 shares after converting £2.2 million of unsecured loan stock.

This takes Grovewood's total holding to 23.4 per cent.

Michael Clark

WORLD MARKETS

Volume in Tokyo at highest for a month

Tokyo
THE Nikkei index closed up 14.31 points, or 0.05 per cent, at 30,970.58 after surging by 782.63 on Monday. Shares closed slightly higher in relatively heavy dealings after the index's tenth largest gain in a single day on Monday.

Brokers were heartened that the volume – the highest in a month – did not bring a drop in the index, which, many say, has cleared the 30,000-point hurdle.

Mr Brad Bauer, a broker at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities Japan, said: "We are not about to move forward to an all-time high, but the worst is behind us."

About 750 million shares changed hands, the highest since April 9, against 600 million on Monday.

The Nikkei fluctuated in a range slightly larger than 300 points, clearing 31,000 for a short while in late-morning dealings. Mr Tadayasu Hasegawa, a market analyst at Kokusai Securities, said: "The target of 31,600, at which the market will have recovered one-third of its losses this year, is right before our eyes," referring to the level that many say represents a technical recovery.

He added: "This is the range in which sellers come out. We are expecting the market to rise smoothly from now on. It might be time to start looking for a new target."

Mr Shigeyuki Yamada, the manager at Kokusai Securities, said: "People stepped in quickly to take profits when the cash indices rose above resistance lines – 31,000 for the Nikkei and 2,300 for Topix."

● **Frankfurt** – The DAX index closed 35.67 lower at 1,899.28, just below the psychological barrier of 1,900. Shares fell 1.8 per cent in thin trading as the impetus which had driven prices sharply higher in the last four trading days drained from the market.

During the previous four days, prices had soared 6.7 per cent after falling for most of April from the DAX's record of 1,976.43, set on March 30. Dealers saw no special factors depressing the market and said losses were a technical correction to recent sharp rises.

● **Hong Kong** – The Hang Seng index closed down 5.33 at 2,953.58. The broader-based Hong Kong index lost 3.67 at 1,939.58. Prices rose in the morning on strong turnover, but turned tail in the afternoon to end generally lower in thin trading. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

Dow in early dip

New York
THE Dow Jones industrial average slipped by 0.90 of a point to 2,720.72 in early dealings. Prices continued to drift with little change after six consecutive rises in the Dow average.

A few more issues showed gains than losses. There was some light selling.

However, analysts said that the Dow average still appeared to be heading for its all-time closing record of 2,810.00 in the short-term. The Dow average finished 11.26 higher on Monday.

● **Singapore** – The *Straits Times* industrial index inched up 1.95 to 1,516.43 after rising by about 8 points. Prices were mixed after *selective buying* alternated with light profit-taking following three days of sharp gains.

● **Sydney** – The All-Ordinaries index finished 1.0 off at 1,476.9 after a rally pushed it as high as 1,482.8. *(Reuter)*

	May 8 midday	May 7 close		May 8 midday	May 7 close		May 8 midday	May 7 close
Abbott Lab	68¾	68½	Enron	52⅛	52⅝	Oryx Enrgy	45⅛	45⅛
Aetna Life	50¼	50¼	Entergy	19⅛	19⅛	Pac Ent	42⅛	42⅛
Ahmanson	17⅛	17⅜	Ethyl	26⅛	25⅝	Pac Gas Elec	21⅛	21⅛
Air Procs	54⅛	54⅛	Exxon	45⅝	46⅛	Pac Telesis	43	43⅝
Albertsons	58⅛	58⅛	Fed NMA	35⅛	35⅛	Paccar	39½	39⅛
Alcan Al	20⅛	20⅛	Fedrl Exprs	53⅞	53⅝	Pacificorp	22⅝	22⅛
Alco Stand	32⅛	32	Fst Norstar	21	20⅛	Pall	32¼	32
Allied Signal	35⅛	35⅜	Fluor	43⅝	43½	Paramount	47⅛	47⅛
Alumin CA	63⅛	63½	Ford Motor	45⅛	45⅛	Parker-Hanfn	29½	30
Am Brands	64⅛	64½	FPL	30½	30½	Penney	63⅛	63
Am Cyanmd	51¾	51⅛	Fst Chicago	30⅞	30	Pennzoil	75⅛	75⅛
Am EPC	28⅛	28⅛	Fst Intrsta	39⅛	38⅛	Pepsico	67⅝	67⅛
Am General	49⅛	49	Fst Union	17⅛	17¼	Pfizer	56⅝	57⅛
Am Home	49⅝	50	Gannett	36⅛	36⅛	Phlps Pet	26	25⅝
Am Intl	89	88⅞	Gen Cinema	22	22	Philips Elec	16	15
Am Medical	4⅛	4⅛	Gen Elec	65⅛	65⅛	Philip Morris	43¼	43⅛
Am Stores	61	61	Gen Mills	76⅛	75⅛	Phlps Dodge	59⅛	59⅛
Amax	25	24⅞	Gen Motors	46⅝	46⅛	Pitney Bow	46⅝	46⅛
Amer Hess	46⅛	46⅛	Gen RE	79	79⅝	Plcr Dome	15⅝	15⅝
Ameritech	60⅛	60⅛	Gen Signal	55½	55¼	PNC Fncl	38⅞	38⅝
Amax	26⅛	25⅛	Genentech	25⅛	25⅛	Pnndle Estn	26⅝	26⅝
Amoco	52⅞	52	Genuine Pts	39⅛	40⅝	Polaroid	42⅝	43⅛
AMP	51⅛	51⅜	Georgia-Pac	42⅛	43	PPG Inds	45⅝	45⅛
AMR	63⅛	53⅞	Gillette	52⅛	53	Proctr Gmble	74⅛	75
Anheuser-B	38⅛	38⅝	Goodrich	43⅛	44	Price	33½	33
Apple Comp	41½	41½	Goodyear	35½	35⅝	Primerica	29⅝	29⅛
Archer-Dan	23¾	24	Grace	26⅛	26⅝	Pub Service	25⅛	25⅛
Arkla	21⅝	22	Greyhound	28⅛	28⅝	Quaker Oats	48⅝	49⅝
Armstrong	35⅛	35⅜	Gt Atlantic	55⅛	55⅝	Ralston Pur	84¼	84¼
Asarco	24⅛	24⅛	Gt Nor Nek	65⅝	65⅝	Raychem	29⅝	30
Ashland Oil	35	35	Gt Western	17⅝	16⅞	Raytheon	63⅝	64⅛
AT&T	40⅜	40⅝	GTE	63⅝	64¼	Reebok	18	18⅛
Atlan Richfld	112⅝	112⅝	Halliburtn	44⅛	45⅝	Roadway	36⅝	36
Auto DP	53⅛	54	Heinz	31⅛	31⅜	Rockwell	25	25
Avery Intl	25⅛	25⅛	Hercules	34⅞	35	Rohm Haas	32	32⅝
Avon Prod	38⅞	36¾	Hershey Fd	33⅛	33¼	Royal Dutch	76⅝	76⅝
Balamore	29⅝	29½	Hewlett Pkd	44⅛	44½	Rubbermaid	36¼	36⅛
Banc One	28⅞	28⅝	Hilton Htl	48⅝	49¼	Rynlds Mtl	52⅝	53⅛
Bankamerica	28⅝	28⅛	Home Depot	51⅛	51½	Safeco	36	35⅛
Barc	16½	16⅛	Homestake	16⅝	17¼	Salomon	21	21
Barnett Bi	31⅛	30⅛	Honeywell	92⅝	92⅞	Sant Fe Pac	20⅝	20⅛
Bausch Lmb	59⅝	59⅞	Houston Ind	33⅛	33⅞	Sara Lee	27⅛	27⅛
Baxter Intl	22⅝	22⅛	Hsehld Intl	42⅛	42⅝	Schecorp	38⅝	37⅝
Bec Dickin	62⅛	61⅛	Humana	41¼	42	Schlumbgr	54⅝	54⅛
Bell Atlan	49⅝	49½	IBM	110⅝	110½	Schrg-Plgh	85	84⅛
Bellsouth	54⅝	54⅛	IF&F	60⅛	60⅝	Scott Papr	42⅝	42½
Bkr Hughes	27⅝	27⅝	Illinois TW	53⅞	52	Seagram	78	77½
Black Decker	14⅛	14⅝	Inco	26	26⅝	Sears Rbk	35⅛	36
Block	37¾	37½	Ingsol-Rand	56⅛	55⅞	Secrty Pac	38⅛	38⅞
Bnkrs Tst NY	40⅝	40⅝	Inland Steel	32⅛	32⅛	Shrwn-Wllms	36⅛	36¼
Boeing	73⅝	73⅝	Intel	43	43¼	Snap-on Tls	34½	34⅛
Boise Casc	35⅛	35⅝	Intl Paper	49⅛	49⅛	Southern	24⅝	25
Borden	32⅞	32⅞	ITT	53	52⅝	Sovran	30¼	30⅝
Brist-Myer	57⅝	57	James River	23⅞	24¼	St Paul	57	56¼
Browng-Fer	38⅜	38⅛	Johnsn Jhsn	59⅝	59½	Stanley Wk	32⅛	32
Burl Nth	37	37	K Mart	32⅛	33¾	Stone Cntr	17⅝	17½
CAI	14⅛	14⅛	Kellogg	66	65⅞	Sun Co	36⅛	35⅝
Campbell Sp	50⅝	50⅞	Kerr-McGee	48⅛	48½	Sunst Bk	20⅝	20½
Cap Cities	561	562	Kimbly-Clrk	66⅛	66⅛	Super Valu	24⅝	25
Capital HC	43⅝	43¾	Knight-Rddr	47⅛	47⅝	SW Bell	54¼	54⅝
Carolina	44	44⅛	Lilly	68⅝	68⅝	Syntex	51¼	51½
Caterpillar	64⅝	64⅝	Limited	41⅝	41⅝	Sysco	32⅝	32⅛
CBS	183⅜	183⅜	Lin Brdcstg	83⅞	84½	Tandem	26⅝	26⅝
Central SW	39	39⅛	Lincln Nat	52⅝	52¼	Tandy	32	31⅝
Champion	27⅛	27⅛	Litton Ind	72⅛	72⅝	Tele-comm	12⅝	12½
Chase Man	24⅜	24⅝	Lockheed	32⅛	32⅛	Teledyne	24⅝	24⅛
Chem Bnkg	25	25⅝	Louis-Pac	42¼	41½	Temple-In	33	32⅝
Chevron	67⅝	67⅛	Manu Hano	33⅛	33⅝	Tenneco	68⅝	68
Chrysler	16⅞	16½	Marriott	22⅝	22⅞	Texaco	58⅛	58⅛
Chubb	88	87⅞	Marsh Mclen	67¼	67½	Texas Inst	35¼	36⅛
Cigna	46⅛	46⅛	Martin Mar	43	42⅝	Texas Util	35⅝	35¾
Citicorp	22⅛	22⅛	Masco	24⅜	24⅛	Textron	24	24
Cleme Lt	25⅛	25⅝	May Dept	51⅜	51½	Time Wrnr	93⅝	94½
Clorox	40	39⅝	Maytag	16⅛	16⅝	Times Mirr	30	29⅛
Cmwltn Eds	32⅛	33⅛	MCA	56⅝	57⅛	Timken	30½	30½
CNA Fincl	70⅞	70⅛	McDnl Doug	48	48⅛	Torchmark	45⅝	45⅛
Coastal	32	31⅛	McDonalds	31⅛	31⅝	Toys R Us	43⅛	43⅝
Coca-Cola	79	79⅛	McGraw-Hill	52⅝	52⅝	Transam	36⅛	36⅝
Colgate-Pal	58⅛	59⅛	MCI Com	38⅛	37⅝	Travelers	30	30⅝
Columb Gas	47	47⅛	Mead	31⅛	31⅛	Tribune	39⅝	39⅛
Comsat	104⅛	104⅛	Medtronic	67⅛	66⅝	TRW	48⅝	48⅝
Conagra	29⅝	29⅛	Melville	47⅛	47⅝	Tyco Lab	45⅛	45⅛
Cons Edis	24⅛	24⅝	Merck	73⅛	74	UAL	156⅝	154
Cons NG	44⅛	43⅛	Merrl Lynch	21¾	21⅜	Un Camp	36⅝	38⅛
Cons Rail	42⅛	42⅝	MM&M	80⅝	80	Un Carbide	19½	19½
Cooper Ind	42⅛	42⅛	Mobil	60⅛	60⅝	Un Pacific	70	69⅝
Corning	46⅛	47⅛	Monsanto	105⅛	104⅝	Unilever	77⅛	77
CPC Intl	71⅝	71⅛	Moore	27⅛	27⅛	Unisys	14⅛	14⅝
Crown Cork	57⅛	57	Morgan	35	35⅛	Unocal	30⅛	29½
CSX	33	33⅛	Motorola	72⅝	72⅝	Upjohn	37⅝	36⅛
Dana	32⅛	32⅛	Nat Medical	34⅛	34⅝	US West	35⅛	35⅛
Dayton-Hud	68⅝	69⅛	Nat Service	25⅝	25⅝	Usair Gp	27⅝	27½
Deere	77⅝	77⅝	Navistar	3⅝	3⅝	USF&G	28⅝	28⅛
Delta Air	73⅛	73⅛	NCNB	39⅛	39⅝	UST	28⅛	28⅝
Deluxe	30⅝	30⅛	NCR	66⅝	67	USX	33⅛	33⅛
Detroit Ed	25⅛	25⅝	NED Bncp	30⅛	30⅝	Utd Tech	56⅛	56⅝
Digital Eq	88⅛	89⅛	Newmnt Mn	42⅝	43⅝	Utd Telcm	40⅛	40
Dillard	72⅝	72⅛	Niagr Mhwk	13⅛	13	VF	29⅛	29⅛
Disney	111¾	113⅛	Nike	71⅝	71⅝	Wal-Mart	50⅛	51⅛
Dominion	44⅛	43⅝	NL Indstrs	16⅝	17	Walgreen	42⅛	42⅝
Donnelley	42⅛	42⅛	Nordstorm	26⅝	29⅝	Waste Mgmt	37⅛	37½
Dover	38⅛	38⅛	Norflk Sthn	39	38⅝	Wells Fargo	70⅝	70⅝
Dow Chem	62⅛	62	Norton	88⅝	89⅛	Westg Elec	75⅛	74⅛
Dow Jones	24⅛	24⅝	Norwest	19⅛	19⅛	Weyerhsr	25⅝	25½
Dresser Ind	50⅝	51⅝	Nthn St Pwr	34⅝	35	Whirlpool	27⅝	27⅛
Du Pont	37⅛	37⅛	Nthn Telcm	24⅞	24⅝	Whitman	26	26⅛
Duke Pwr	54⅛	54⅝	NY Times	22	22	Winn-Dixie	61½	61⅛
Dun Bradst	45⅝	45⅛	Nynex	82⅛	82⅝	Woolworth	61⅛	61⅝
East Kodak	37⅝	37⅛	Occid Petrl	27	27	Wrigley	54⅝	54⅝
Eaton	58⅛	57⅛	Ohio Edi	18⅞	19	Wrner-Lamb	107½	107
Emerson El	39⅛	39⅛	Oracle Sys	17⅝	18	Xerox	47½	47½

Stratus' $200m orders

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

STRATUS, the computer company with offices in Hounslow, Middlesex, which supplies 90 per cent the City's equity houses with fault tolerant (dual processor) computers, has won orders worth $200 million from Ericsson, the Swedish telecommunications group. An announcement, being made today at its headquarters in Massachusetts, will detail a world-wide deal to supply Stratus XA2000 Continuous Processing Systems.

Gold 'unlikely to clear $450 soon'

By Colin Campbell

IN A "cautious" forecast of the world gold market, *Shearson Lehman Hutton*, the securities house, suggests that the gold price is unlikely to clear the $450 an ounce level in the next 18 months.

Shearson said: "Any rally, initially towards the $385 or latterly towards the $400 level is likely to generate profit taking, and forward sales from mining companies. The review presupposes there is no unforeseen economic or political catastrophe."

London gold was traded at $369.50 an ounce yesterday.

Shearson's "high estimate" this year is an average of $405, the "best estimate" is $395, and its "low estimate" is $370 an ounce. Next year its averages are, $425, $410 and $370, with ranges running between $330 and $465 an ounce. *The average London fix during 1989 was $381.25.*

The review notes, given that the economic and financial environment is not conducive to strong physical investment in Europe and North America, that it is difficult to make a case for the market clearing either the $385 or $400 levels with ease by mid-year.

However, by the final quarter, the expected weakening of the dollar is likely to have given the market sufficient impetus to take the price into the $400-$425 range.

A production cost analysis suggests that at a price of $360 an ounce, roughly 100 tonnes of gold production in South Africa is under threat.

COMPANY BRIEFS

AMBROSE TRUST (Fin) *Pre-tax*: £1 49m (£1 23m) *EPS*: 14.87p (12.75p) *Div*: 10.08p, mkg 15.36p	Last year's total dividend, 13.41p Net asset value slipped to 27.68p (28 16p) per income share and to 648 16p (666.87p) per capital share
LONDON FINANCE (Fin) *Pre-tax* £1.21m (£0.47m) *EPS*. 2.32p (1.38p) *Div*: 1.3p (1.2p)	The net asset value per share increased to 77 73p (70.72p). There was an extraordinary profit of £1.33m (£10.17m).
TUBULAR EDGINGTON *Pre-tax*: £975,000 loss *LPS*: 0.93p (0.77p EPS) *Div*: Nil (nil)	Interim results Last year's pre-tax profit was £541,000. The board expects that the year's outcome will be satisfactory.
WESTERLY (Fin) *Pre-tax*: £0.72m (£0.99m) *EPS*: 5.0p (6.3p) *Div*: 2p, mkg 2.5p (2.5p)	Directors will recommend a bonus issue of one 11 per cent (net) £1 preference share for every 20 ordinary shares held.

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PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1989

	1989	1988
Turnover	£136.1m	£153.1m
Profit before tax	£5.4m	£3.9m
Earnings per share	66.1p	50.5p
Dividends per share	21.0p	17.5p
Net assets per share	£5.97	£4.39

The 1989 Report and Accounts are to be posted to Shareholders on *10 May 1990. Copies may be* obtained from the Company Secretary:

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WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	712.2	0.1	−15.6	0.3	−10.3	0.1	−12.6
(free)	136.0	0.1	−15.7	0.3	−10.4	0.1	−12.7
EAFE	1252.4	0.2	−19.6	0.2	−13.7	0.1	−16.8
(free)	128.5	0.2	−19.9	0.1	−13.9	0.1	−17.1
Europe	733.8	0.1	−3.5	0.2	−3.6	0.0	−0.2
(free)	158.1	0.1	−3.3	−0.1	−3.6	0.0	0.0
Nth America	498.1	0.1	−7.4	0.0	−4.2	0.0	−4.2
Nordic	1491.7	0.2	−4.2	0.2	−3.6	0.1	−0.8
(free)	236.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.9	0.0	4.0
Pacific	2829.6	0.2	−28.7	0.2	−19.6	0.2	−26.2
Far East	4101.5	0.3	−29.1	0.3	−19.9	0.2	−26.7
Australia	291.4	−0.1	−16.1	−0.2	−9.4	−0.2	−13.2
Austria	1931.5	−0.2	30.0	−0.2	31.9	−0.3	34.5
Belgium	908.1	0.4	−7.8	0.2	−8.3	0.4	−4.6
Canada	506.0	0.5	−15.7	0.6	−12.4	0.5	−12.8
Denmark	1306.9	0.0	−0.7	0.0	−1.6	0.0	2.7
Finland	97.4	−1.0	−15.5	−1.0	−15.0	−1.0	−12.6
(free)	132.5	0.1	−11.1	0.0	−10.6	0.0	−8.0
France	845.5	−0.2	4.6	0.0	4.3	−0.2	8.2
Germany	967.1	−1.1	5.4	−0.9	6.9	−1.2	9.1
Hong Kong	2255.8	−0.1	1.7	−0.2	5.1	−0.2	5.2
Italy	385.4	−0.2	0.0	−0.1	−0.6	−0.3	3.5
Japan	4315.6	0.3	−30.0	0.3	−20.7	0.2	−27.6
Netherlands	877.4	0.0	−7.2	0.1	−6.2	−0.1	−4.0
New Zealand	84.7	−0.3	−17.9	−0.6	−12.0	−0.3	−15.0
Norway	1506.9	0.2	12.3	0.2	13.6	0.2	16.2
(free)	263.2	0.2	12.7	0.2	14.0	0.1	16.6
Sing/Malay	1899.4	0.4	−4.8	0.0	−3.1	0.4	−1.5
Spain	216.9	0.0	−8.4	0.0	−10.0	0.0	−5.2
Sweden	1631.2	0.4	−7.0	0.4	−6.1	0.3	−3.8
(free)	235.6	0.1	−2.7	0.1	−1.7	0.0	0.7
Switzerland	874.4	−0.4	−4.4	−0.2	−7.9	−0.4	−1.1
(free)	132.7	−0.4	−4.9	−0.3	−8.4	−0.5	−1.6
UK	647.2	1.0	−10.2	1.0	−10.2	0.9	−7.1
USA	450.9	0.0	−6.7	0.0	−3.4	0.0	−3.4

(lc)* Local currency. Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 8	May 18	August 2	August 13

Call options were taken out on: 8/5/90 Atlantic Resources, Coloroll, Ivernia, Tuskar Resources, Control Securities, Kelt Energy, Palma Group.
Puts: T Cowie.
Puts & Calls: T Cowie.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

ABI Leisure (125p)	113
ADG Group (14p)	17
Abtrust New Euro (100p)	98 +3
Amercoeur	125
Argos Plc	197 +1½
Beta Global Emerg (100p)	90
Bioplan Hldgs (1p)	20 +1
Buckingham Nw	82
Castle Cairn (50p)	47 +2
Courtaulds Textiles	241 +1
Dakota Gp Nw	43
Dartmoor Inv Tst (100p)	91 −1
Euromoney	326 −3
F&C German	125
First Ireland (100p)	89 +2
Fleming Euro IT	96
French Prop Tst	97
German IT	90 +1½
Goldsmith	131
Henderson Highland (100p)	94 +1
Mrtn Curne Euro (100p)	108
Midland Radio	130
Novalal (100p)	98
Nthn Investors	203
Plateau Mining	53
QS Hldgs (100p)	106
Siam Select (100p)	98
Torday & Carlisle (155p)	145 −1
Venturi Inv Tst	10
Wiltshire Brew (70p)	62

See main listing for Water shares

RIGHTS ISSUES

ASB Barnett N/P	6 −2
Amercoeur N/P	½
Bioplan N/P	¾
Clinton Cards N/P	26 +1
Nthn Investors N/P	2
Oliver Res N/P	10 −5
Paribas N/P	52 +11

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon (*431)	420	24	42	51	18	21	24
	460	9	23	31	48	50	51
	500	3	11½	-	83	83	-
ASDA (*99)	100	7	10½	15	7	8½	9½
	110	3½	6	-	14	16	-
	120	1½	4	-	23	24	-
Bass (*958)	900	82	122	142	11	17	23
	950	50	87	105	28	35	40
	1000	27	60	-	57	60	-
Boots (*261)	240	27	33	38	4½	6½	9
	260	12	20	25	14	16	18
	280	4	11	-	26	28	-
Brit Air (*196)	180	19	25	29	3½	5½	7½
	200	6	13	17	12	14	16
	220	2	6	10	28	30	31
Brit Com (*n/a)	50	1	1	-	50	45	-
	60	1	1	-	55	54	-
	70	1	1	-	70	65	-
BP (*320)	300	27	37	44	4	7	9
	330	9	17½	26	17	18	21
	360	2	7½	-	43	44	-
Brit Steel (*142)	120	24½	25	-	1½	1½	-
	130	15	16	18	2½	3½	5
	140	6	9	12	6	8½	10
C & W (*484)	460	41	63	79	12	17	21
	500	19	39	55	31	35	38
	550	6	20	33	70	70	72
Com Union (*461)	420	57	66	84	4	10	13
	460	28	41	57	16	23	25
	500	11	22	37	40	44	45
Courtauld (*305)	297	19	27	-	13	17	-
	327	6	14	-	34	36	-
	357	1½	-	-	61	-	-
GKN (*404)	360	58	63	75	4	10	11
	390	35	42	55	9	20	23
	420	15	25	38	22	30	35
Grand Met (*570)	500	85	97	-	3	7	-
	550	42	61	83	12	20	23
	600	17	33	53	36	44	47
ICI (*1105)	1050	97	114	154	12	24	30
	1100	62	84	122	27	44	50
	1150	33½	59	-	55	70	-
Kingfisher (*283)	260	26	31	40	7	9	12
	280	15	20	30	15	19	22
	300	4½	12	21	30	32	34
Ladbroke (*280)	260	25	36	43	6½	8	12
	280	14	25	32	15	17	21
	300	5½	15	-	29	30	-
Land Sec (*472)	460	28	44	57	15	20	23
	500	8½	24	37	40	43	45
	550	2½	9½	19	85	87	90
M & S (*194)	180	18	25	28	4	5	7
	200	5½	13	18	13	14	17
	220	1	5	-	33	33	-
STC (*245)	240	22	30	41	13	16	19
	260	12	21	31	23	27	29
	280	6	13	22	37	40	42
Sainsbury (*262)	240	27	36	44	3	4½	5½
	260	12	22	30	10	12	14
	280	4½	12	18	24	25	28
Shell (*445)	420	45	55	68	7	10	14
	460	17	30	45	22	25	28
	500	6	14	-	58	58	-
Smkl Beech (*478)	460	38	52	68	11	14	20
	500	16	30	45	30	34	37
	550	5	14	-	74	75	-
Storehse (*108)	100	13	15	19	4½	6½	8½
	110	5½	9	13	9	11	13
	120	2½	5½	8½	15	16	19
Trafalgar (*297)	300	13	24	29	18	23	26
	330	5	13	17	43	45	47
	360	2½	6	-	73	73	-
Ultramar (*332)	300	47	57	67	4	8	11
	330	27	38	48	13	18	20
	360	10	23	33	30	33	34
Unilever (*642)	600	68½	93	109½	5½	10	13½
	650	33	58½	76½	21	27½	30½
	700	12½	33½	-	56	58½	-
	750	4	-	-	106½	-	-
Utd Bisc (*321)	300	32	41	51	4	7½	10
	330	12	21	31	17	20	22
	360	3½	10	-	42	42	-

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA (*369)	360	33	42	55	2½	7	11
	390	9	24	35	10	18	22
	420	2	10	22	34	36	40
BAT Ind (*682)	659	32	65	-	4	13	-
	709	6	33	55	32	35	40
	759	2	14	34	80	80	85
	809	1	7	19	130	130	135
BTR (*391)	390	10	29	39	8	14	21
	420	2	14	25	31	32	37
	460	1	5	12	71	71	71
Brit Aero (*509)	460	57	77	87	1	7	14
	500	22	48	60	8	17	26
	550	4	20	35	41	45	54
Brit Tele (*263)	240	25	34	40	1	4	5
	260	9	17	24	3½	11	12½
	280	2	8	15½	17	22	23
Cadbury (*312)	300	16	32	40	4	11	13
	330	2½	14	25	22	26	29
	360	1	7	15	50	52	53
Guinness (*665)	600	68	93	112	1½	6	11
	650	23	55	75	8	19	25
	700	4	27	47	40	45	48
GEC (*199)	180	22	27	30	1	4	5
	200	5	11	17	5	10½	13
	220	1½	4½	9	22	26	28
Hanson (*215)	200	16½	22	29	½	3½	5½
	220	2½	9	16½	7	12½	13½
	240	½	3½	8½	26	28	28½
LASMO (*375)	333	45	57	-	2	6	-
	357	15	32	47	8	14	15
	400	4	17	30	32	33	35

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
P & O (*574)	550	30½	56½	67½	4½	12½	20½
	600	4	27½	38½	28½	35½	44
	650	2	11½	20½	81½	79½	80½
Pilkington (*191)	200	3	8	13	12	19	20
	220	1½	3	7	32	36	37
	240	1	2	-	52	56	-
Polly Peck (*408)	360	51½	58	71	2	6	9
	390	21½	36½	54½	6½	15	18½
	420	4½	20½	36½	24½	30½	34½
Prudential (*200)	180	23	30	33	2	4	6
	200	7	15	20	6	9	11
	220	1	8	12	20	22	22
Racal (*197)	180	20	26	33	1½	6½	9
	200	5	15	23	7	15	18
	210	1½	-	-	16	-	-
RTZ (*539)	500	45	64	80	2	7	12
	550	8	30	49	17	27	30
	600	2	13	26	65	65	67
Scot & New (*294)	280	18	28	36	2	11	14
	300	6	15	24	12	22	26
	330	1	6	14	36	42	44
Tesco (*204)	180	25½	32	36½	1	1½	3
	200	6½	16½	22½	2½	6¼	8
	220	1	6½	12½	16½	19	20
Thames Wtr (*135)	120	17	19	21	1½	5	6
	130	8	13	14½	3	10	12
	140	3	7½	10	8	18	18
	160	1½	3	4	26	36	36
Wtr Package (*1445)	1350	120	150	170	20	90	110
	1400	70	110	140	35	120	140
	1450	30	80	100	55	180	170
	1500	15	55	90	90	200	200

	Series	May	Jul		May	Jul	
Ferranti (*41)	40	2½	5½	-	1½	3½	-
	45	¾	3	-	5	6½	-
	50	½	-	-	10	-	-

	Series	Jun	Aug	Oct	Jun	Aug	Oct
Reuters (*1122)	1000	41½	63½	-	3	10	-
	1050	97½	24½	52½	8½	20½	27½
	1100	58½	90½	19½	21½	37½	44½

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat (*181)	160	36	41	45	1	2	3
	180	18	24	29	3	6	7
	200	4½	10	17	11	12	14
Amstrad (*58)	60	10½	14½	16½	1½	3	4½
	70	4½	8½	11½	5	7½	8½
	80	1½	5	7½	13	13½	14
Barclays (*540)	480	90	-	-	2	-	-
	500	53	65	80	4	12	14
	550	17	32	50	20	31	33
	600	3	14	26	63	63	63
Blue Circ (*210)	200	16	26	31	3½	6½	8
	220	5	12½	20	14	16	19
	240	1½	5	11	33	34	35
	260	1	2½	-	53	53	-
Brit Gas (*205)	180	29	31	35	1½	3	4
	200	10½	14	20	3½	9	11
	220	2½	5	11	16	21	22
	240	1	2½	-	36	38	-
Dixons (*126)	110	20	24	28	3	5½	7½
	120	13	18	22	7	9	13
	130	8½	13	17	12	16	19
Glaxo (*789)	750	57	92	105	10	17	25
	775	40	-	-	17	-	-
	800	27	80	75	27	35	44
	850	10	35	50	65	67	74
Hawker (*619)	600	37	60	70	20	35	45
	650	11	35	45	55	65	75
	700	6	20	-	105	105	-
Hillsdown (*240)	220	21	30	38	4	6	8
	240	8	18	24	11	15	17
	260	3	10	16	29	30	31
Lonrho (*231)	218	20	25	33	5	7	12
	236	8	16	25	9	18	18
	255	3	9	15	31	32	33
Midland (*295)	280	27	35	47	10	17	19
	300	14	23	35	18	26	28
	330	4	13	23	38	45	45
R-Royce (*199)	160	43	48	51	1	1½	3
	180	23½	31	35	2½	4½	7
	200	9	17½	22	7½	10	12
Sears (*92)	80	13	15	18	2	3½	4½
	90	4½	8	11	5½	7	8
	100	1½	4	7½	13	14	15
THF (*254)	240	15	23	31	7	10	12
	260	4½	13	19	19	22	23
	280	1½	8	11	38	40	42
Thorn EMI (*651)	600	75	80	95	4	13	17
	650	35	48	63	13	30	37
	700	12	23	40	42	62	65
TSB (*133)	120	16	20	23	2	5	5
	130	9	12	16	4	7	8
	140	3	7	11	10	12	13
Vaal Reefs (*385)	80	11	14	16	4	7	9
	90	6	9	12	10	12	14
Wellcome (*651)	650	37	67	82	27	36	45
	700	16	44	67	57	67	73
	750	6	27	47	102	102	107

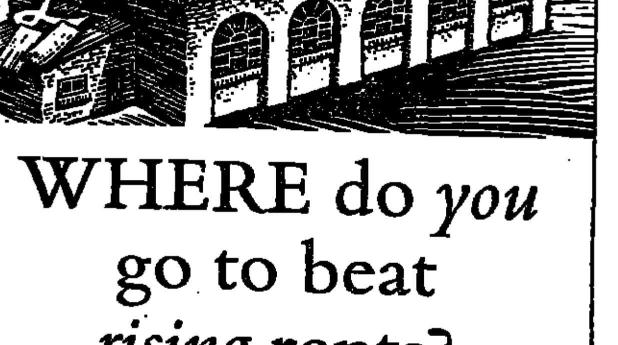
FT-SE INDEX (*2184)

	2100	2150	2200	2250	2300	2350
Calls						
May	113	72	40	19	8	3½
Jun	139	100	70	45	29	20
Jul	158	127	95	68	47	33
Aug	172	137	107	82	-	-
Dec	238	-	170	-	130	-
Puts						
May	13	24	45	80	120	165
Jun	29	42	62	957	130	175
Jul	40	54	75	105	132	180
Aug	47	65	85	108	-	-
Dec	86	-	103	-	155	-

May 8, 1990 Total: 38184 Calls 24878 Puts 13286 FT-SE: Calls 16891 Puts 8062
*Underlying security price.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,395	CU	469	Lloyds	1,697	Sears	872
Abbey Nat	2,116	Cookson	135	Lloyds Abb	336	Sedgwick	408
Alld-Lyons	913	Courtaulds	1,036	Lonrho	913	Shell	1,115
Amstrad	635	Dalgety	344	Lucas	538	Siebe	517
ASDA	1,682	Dixons	996	Manpower	382	Slough	213
AB Foods	218	ECC	367	M&S	2,508	Smith & N	4,139
Argyll	3,790	Enterprise	158	Maxwell Cm	540	SK Beech	1,553
BAA	856	Ferranti	446	MB Group	136	Do Uts	55
BET	815	Fisons	3,011	Mecca	2,156	Smith WH	38
BTR	3,106	FKI	1,990	MEPC	228	Smiths Ind	679
BAT	1,047	Gen Acc	206	Midland	1,244	STC	750
Barclays	2,872	GEC	2,625	Nat West	2,734	Stan Chart	849
Bass	970	Glaxo	2,416	Next	1,098	Storehse	861
Beazer	1,160	Globe Inv	167	Nth Food	329	Sun Alince	1,005
Bensfd Intl	650	Glynwed	42	P&O	445	Sun Life	5
BICC	1,352	Granada	339	Pearson	388	T & N	225
Blue Circle	831	Grand Met	1,564	Pilkington	1,284	TI Group	1,384
BOC	1,243	GUS 'A'	377	Polly Peck	1,514	Tarmac	4,370
Boots	1,031	GRE	476	Prudential	928	Tate & Lyle	533
BPB	200	GKN	621	Racal	4,728	Taylor Wood	250
Br Aero	1,260	Guinness	887	Racal Tele	734	TSB	1,534
Br Airways	2,154	Hamm 'A	106	Rk Hovis	191	Tesco	1,438
Br Comm	n/a	Hanson	10,940	Rank	183	Thames Wtr	799
Br Gas	7,234	Do Wts	1,309	R&C	240	Thorn EMI	378
Br Land	247	H & C	669	Redland	943	Trafalgar	1,177
Br Petrol	2,406	Hawker	865	Reed	607	THF	2,459
Br Steel	5,119	Hillsdown	1,478	Reuters	539	Ultramar	745
Br Telecom	6,299	IMI	79	RMC Gp	652	Unigate	422
Bunzl	1,257	ICI	530	RTZ	1,284	Unilever	802
Burmah	471	Inchcape	299	R-Royce	9,642	United Bis	1,805
Burton	554	Kingfisher	125	Rothmn 'B	350	Utd News	254
C&W	2,528	Lasmo	889	Royal Bank	1,384	Wellcome	987
Cadbury	560	Ladbroke	1,610	Royal Ins	1,059	Whitbrd	961
Calor	129	Land Sec	408	Saatchi	2,425	Williams	2,766
Carlton	232	Laporte	743	Sainsbury	940	Wilks Fab	253
Coats	1,939	L&G	139	Scot & N	256	Wimpey G	467



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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Photo-Me	Industrials L-R	
2	WPP	Paper,Print,Adv	
3	THORN EMI (aa)	Electricals	
4	Granada (aa)	Industrials E-K	
5	BICC (aa)	Electricals	
6	Clayform	Property	
7	Rothschild (J) Hld	Banks,Discount	
8	Midland (aa)	Banks,Discount	
9	ECC Group (aa)	Industrials E-K	
10	Lawrence (Walter)	Building,Roads	
11	Dalgety (aa)	Foods	
12	Greycoat	Property	
13	Br Land (aa)	Property	
14	Tesco (aa)	Foods	
15	Land Sec (aa)	Property	
16	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
17	Bensford Intl (aa)	Foods	
18	Utd Biscuits (aa)	Foods	
19	Geest	Foods	
20	MEPC (aa)	Property	
21	Warnford	Property	
22	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Stores	
23	Gleeson (MJ)	Building,Roads	
24	Dixons Grp (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
25	Nobo Gp	Industrials L-R	
26	GKN (aa)	Industrials E-K	
27	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
28	Tilbury Group	Building,Roads	
29	Vaux Group	Breweries	
30	Burmah (aa)	Oil,Gas	
31	Slough Estates (aa)	Property	
32	BAA (aa)	Transport	
33	Sthrn Water	Water	
34	North West	Water	
35	Portals	Industrials L-R	
36	Barclays (aa)	Banks,Discount	
37	Wellcome (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
38	Honda Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
39	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	Building,Roads	
40	Yorkshire Water	Water	
41	ASW	Industrials A-D	
42	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print,Adv	
43	South West	Water	
44	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Bear squeeze

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1990 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
95¾	93¼	Exch	2½%	1990	95⅝	●+⅛	2.6	10.825
99½	96⅝	Treas	3%	1990	99⅛	●	0.00	0.000
98⅞	97	Treas	8%	1990	98⅞	..	8.3	11.893
99⅝	97½	Treas	8½%	1987-90	99	..	8.3	14.456
97⅞	93⅞	Treas	10%	1990	97⅛	..	10.2	12.464
92¼	89⅝	Treas	3%	1991	92⅝	●+⅛	3.2	10.760
94⅝	90⅝	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	94⅛	+⅛	6.0	12.251
92⅝	90¼	Treas	8%	1991	91⅝	+⅛	8.7	14.077
96⅝	94⅛	Treas C	10%	1991	95⅝	+⅛	10.3	11.905
97¾	89¼	Exch	11%	1991	95⅝	+⅛	11.4	14.275
98⅝	97⅝	Treas	11¾%	1991	98⅝	..	11.9	14.651
84⅞	82⅜	Treas	3%	1992	84⅝	+⅛	3.5	11.644
91	85¼	Treas	8%	1992	90⅝	+⅛	8.8	13.949
95⅝	90⅝	Treas	10%	1992	93⅝	+⅛	10.6	14.089
97¾	88¾	Treas C	10½%	1992	94⅝	●+⅛	10.6	11.243
100⅝	92	Exch	12¼%	1992	96⅝	+⅛	12.6	13.889
101	97⅞	Treas	12¾%	1992	98⅝	+⅛	13.0	14.032
103⅝	84⅝	Exch	13½%	1992	99⅝	+⅛	13.5	13.739
85⅝	81¼	Fund	6%	1993	83⅝	+⅛	7.2	12.369
91⅝	86⅝	Treas	8¼%	1993	88⅝	+⅛	9.3	13.582
96⅝	87	Treas	10%	1993	92	+⅛	10.8	13.408
102⅝	96⅝	Treas	12½%	1993	97⅝	+⅛	12.8	13.497
107⅝	94	Treas	13¾%	1993	101⅝	●+⅛	13.6	13.342
90⅝	84⅝	Treas	8½%	1994	86⅝	+⅛	9.8	13.359
92⅝	82⅝	Treas	9%	1994	86⅝	●+⅛	10.4	13.058
95⅝	84	Treas	10%	1994	90⅝	●+⅛	11.0	13.089
104⅝	96	Exch	12½%	1994	97⅝	+⅛	12.7	13.208
107⅝	94⅝	Exch	13½%	1994	100⅝	+⅛	13.4	13.270
110⅝	100⅝	Treas	14½%	1994	104⅝	+⅛	13.9	13.137

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OVERSEAS TRADERS

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
610	488	Antofagasta	545	565	● ..	22.7	4.1	7.7
65	55	Boustead	54½	58	+½	2.0	3.6	11.6
152	112	Chillington	111	118	..	11.0	9.6	20.0
126	105	Finlay (James)	105	107	..	5.5	5.2	20.0
320	245	Inchcape (aa)	250	253	●+1	14.7	5.8	8.9
298	225	Lonrho (aa)	229	230	s +1	19.4	8.4	12.7
350	335	Paterson Zoch	335	345	● ..	11.6	3.4	16.9
350	325	Do 'A'	320	330	● ..	11.6	3.6	18.2
88	78	Sime Darby	80	85	●+2	..	..	..
124	107	Tozer Kemsley	108	110	●+1	8.7	8.1	7.4

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SHOES, LEATHER

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
75	52	Headlam	48	55	..	3.2	6.2	7.7
191	158	Lambert Howarth	175	180	● ..	13.3	7.5	7.4
141	90	Pittard Garnar	87	95	●+1	8.1	8.9	..
140	25	Strong & Fisher	30	35	● ..	8.2	24.8	9.6
310	300	Stylo	298	318	● ..	9.3	3.0	21.2

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TOBACCOS

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
853	675	BAT (aa)	678	685	s +6	40.0	5.9	9.4
165	142	PJ Carroll	142	152	+2	..	..	..
694	597	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	675	685	+10	16.4	2.4	12.4

TRANSPORT

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WATER

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
180½	140½	Anglian Water	151	154	+2	20.4	13.3	3.7
190	146	Northumbrian	150	153	+1	21.4	14.1	2.1
172	137	North West	151	152	+5	21.0	13.9	3.5
160	123	Severn Trent	130	133	+5	19.8	15.0	2.5
171	120	Sthrn Water	129	133	+5	15.0	11.5	2.9
202	141	South West	152	156	+7	17.4	11.3	2.5
171	127	Thames Water	134	136	+2½	19.4	14.4	3.2
196	142	Welsh Water	151	155	+3	22.4	14.6	2.6
189	137	Wessex Water	147	151	+1	20.3	13.6	3.1
195	142	Yorkshire Water	155	156	+5	20.6	13.1	3.5
£1755	£1000	Package Unit	£1445	..	+£37	..	..	..

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Evered expands further in US

By Jeremy Andrews

EVERED, the acquisitive quarry group, is to spend as much as £26 million on the purchase of up to five more businesses in the US, raising its output of ready-mixed concrete there from 2 to 3 million tonnes a year.

The move comes only four months after it spent £141 million on a British dredging business and a large limestone quarry near Washington DC, though this time the vendors will accept up to two-thirds of the purchase consideration in Evered shares.

The company is paying $38.4 million for Super Concrete Corporation, Silver Hill Concrete, Silver Hill Aggregates and Merit Concrete, of which $22.3 million will be satisfied by the issue of 11.1 million shares. Evered also has an option to buy Materials Industries for $6 million in shares by the end of July.

These businesses run 15 ready-mixed concrete plants and 250 delivery trucks in Maryland and the Washington DC area and will provide a significant outlet for the Millville quarry, bought by Evered in January.

The assets being acquired had a book value of $10.2 million in December 1988, a year in which the businesses made combined pre-tax profits of $3.3 million. Although it appears that Evered is paying more than 20 times historic earnings, Mr John Ford, the finance director, said he was confident the acquisitions would not dilute earnings.

The profits figures were out of date and the performance of the companies had improved since 1988, he added. By putting the businesses together, which had hitherto been managed separately, better selling and buying prices could be achieved and administrative economies could be made.

Under private ownership the businesses had been run to minimize taxation, whereas Evered would run them to maximize profits, he said.

Although Evered will be taking on $24 million of debts with the operations, Mr Ford did not expect group borrowings to exceed 60 per cent of shareholders' funds.

Campeau prepares to meet debts by Canadian disposals

From John Durie
New York

CAMPEAU Corporation has said it will offload a substantial proportion of its Canadian property interests to meet debt obligations.

The decision was announced in a circular to debenture holders, who are meeting on June 1 to consider the latest options for the financially-troubled empire of Mr Robert Campeau, the Canadian property developer.

Campeau has a Canadian property empire worth approximately $3 billion with centres in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

A spokesman for the company said just how much would be sold would depend on talks with the company's leading creditors and its success in finding another equity partner for the group.

The leading creditors are Olympia and York Development, which is owned by the Reichman family, which has debentures worth $260 million and last year assumed $225 million in debt.

The Edward De Bartolo Corporation, the San Francisco property developer has a $480 million loan to

Campeau: talks are vital

Campeau's US retail interests, but this is guaranteed by Campeau Corporation.

Campeau is talking to both parties, as well as seeking possible new equity investments for the group.

The success of these talks will determine just how much of Mr Campeau's Canadian property empire must be sold. His total debts related to property have not been revealed, apart from the money owed to Olympia and York and a $157.7 million in debentures outstanding.

Last week, Campeau's US retail division called off the planned sale of its Bloomingdale's chain after failing to find a buyer willing to pay the $1 billion sought by the group.

Federated and Allied department stores, the US retail operations, reported a $2.4 billion loss after writing off $1.2 billion in goodwill, and paying net interest of $806.7 million as part of the $6.6 billion Campeau took on in its purchase of the Federated department stores in May, 1988.

In operating terms, the department stores are in good shape after sales increases last year of 7 per cent, leaving cash on hand, as at April 25, of $552 million.

There is also an undrawn line of credit for working capital of $700 million.

The highest bid for Bloomingdale's was only $850 million.

A spokesman for Federated added that the company also felt it would be better to keep the chain within the group to help it meet interest payments.

Federated and Allied filed for bankruptcy protection in January this year and is due to present a detailed business plan to the US Bankruptcy Court next month.

Privatization is the key to a global role for Thai Airlines

By Robert Ballantyne

THAI Airways International, Thailand's state airline, is considering plans for privatization despite opposition from air force officers on the airline's main board.

The Thai government is this week considering three alternatives to finance Thai's massive expansion over the next five years.

The airline has increased profits every year for the past 25. But the projected gradual rise in profitability depends on doubling the airline's fleet and operations by 1995.

The first option, to continue to rely on state funding, is not preferred by executive management since the government has, in the past, vetoed the purchase of new aircraft.

Non-executives on the board, who include many Thai air force officers, would prefer to remain state-owned.

The second option, part-privatization, has been described as unworkable by the Thai management team.

The third option, full privatization with a limit on foreign ownership to discourage predatory airlines, is enthusiastically endorsed by Mr Thamnoon Wanglee, Thai's vice-president (finance), who said that professional advisers would have to be appointed.

Thai needed more than joint agreements like that signed last week with Scandinavian Air Service, Mr. Thamnoon told the airline's 30th anniversary conference in Bangkok.

He said: "Equity swap is a must. When you want to get the girl, you must pin her down and stay in bed together."

Thai would, no doubt, prefer an equity swap with SAS. But first Thai needs to privatize to expand, to fulfil its global ambitions, and to keep Bangkok as a major international hub.

Cronite slips to interim £781,000

By Philip Pangalos

PRE-TAX profits at the Cronite Group, a processor of nickel alloys and steel stockholder, slipped from £1.08 million to £781,000 in the six months to end-March, on turnover down from £27.2 million to £21.1 million.

The downturn was entirely due to Cronite Alloys, the company's metal processing subsidiary, which was hit by a temporary withdrawal from the market of its largest customer — accounting for about half of its business.

Mr James Lindsay-German, chief executive, said this customer had now come back and was "buying strongly."

Earnings per share are reduced from 5.2p to 3.1p, but the interim dividend is maintained at 1.5p.

Mr Lindsay-German said the company's stockholding businesses showed improvement. As alloys was a major profit earner in 1989, accounting for about 30 per cent of group profits, it was not possible to make up its contribution from other activities, he added.

The company said the group's manufacturing units performed well during the half-year, with Cronite Castings and Atkinsons both substantially ahead of the same period last year.

Overall profits were also affected by higher interest charges, up 16 per cent to £452,000 due to higher rates and investments in Abtex, the fire extinguisher manufacturer, and ABC Powders, which makes extinguisher powder.

Mr Lindsay-German said the fire extinguisher companies had not make a contribution this time but were expected to do so in the second half, although the group was unlikely to match last time's full-year profits. The shares were unchanged at 52p.

Bid clearance

BRUSSELS has given the go-ahead for British Steel's acquisition of C Walker & Sons, declaring it compatible with monopoly rules governing steel products sold in the European Community.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Softer schedule for cutting overseas funding

From the Chairman
Biwater Ltd

Sir, May I add my name to the growing concern, which a number of major project contractors are expressing, regarding the changes in support of major projects overseas by the Government's Export Credit Guarantee Department.

We acknowledge the necessity for adjustments in Country support, in line with the prevailing economic circumstances of that country. However, it is imperative that these adjustments are made without loss of credibility by any of the parties, including the contractor, UK industry and Her Majesty's Government.

My proposal is that, should the criteria for financial support of a particular country need to be reduced, then such change should be made only at the time of OECD concensus rates (i.e. 6 monthly) and that this criterion be made known to contractors and clients alike at the outset. This proposal would avoid the current practice of instant, unwarned, rug-pulling from under both the Contractor's and his Client's feet.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN E. WHITE,
Biwater Ltd,
Biwater House,
Station Approach,
Dorking,
Surrey.
May 1.

Institutions' policy hits investors

From Mr T. D. Brougham

Sir, I am sure other small shareholders share my astonishment, not to say sense of outrage, at the way directors of companies continue to vote themselves more money and share options even when their direction has evidently been unsuccessful.

I know from experience that any protest is not treated seriously.

In 1986, I was a founding shareholder in Charles Barker, a public relations and recruitment firm. After a steady fall in the value of its shares, the directors eventually sold off large parts of the company and renamed it BNB Resources. The shares now stand at 53 per cent of their issue value.

This dismal performance does not stop the ex-chairman, who led this decline, seeking re-election as a non-executive director. Furthermore, the directors extract £1.5 million in emoluments while the shareholders receive £843,000 in dividends.

I suppose that while institutional investors continue to have a *laissez-faire* policy to the management of the companies in which they have investments, the level and form of directors' emoluments will continue to be set by peer approval, and investors will foot the rising bill whether they like it or not. Unless, that is, you, Sir, would undertake a crusade on our behalf.

Yours faithfully,
T. D. BROUGHAM,
Melbury,
Constitution Hill,
Woking,
Surrey.
April 25.

Insurance pays out

From Mr D. Kerr

Dear Sir, This last week I received the annual reports of two concerns, the well-known engineering firm of Hawker Siddeley and the equally well-known life insurance company, Equitable Life.

Reading the reports, I noticed that Hawker Siddeley had 21,200 employees in the UK of whom 108 were paid in the £30-50,000 bracket and 25 in the £50-100,000 bracket.

Equitable Life, on the other hand, with 1,693 staff had 190 paid in the £30-50,000 bracket and 25 in the £50-100,000 bracket, and a further 33 fell between £100,000 and £215,000.

No wonder we have a chronic balance of payments deficit on manufactured goods and a steadily eroding industrial base when it is so much more remunerative to sell insurance policies than it is to make and sell engineering products into a highly competitive international market.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD KERR,
32 Downs Road,
Epsom,
Surrey.
April 30.

Not in on secret

From Mr J. S. Goddard

Dear Sir, Today's Business Section front page article: "He [John Banham] attacked the going-rate concept in wage negotiations."

Today's City Diary: "Williams Holdings' chief Nigel Rudd . . . who has just increased his pay from £403,000 to £594,000 a year . . ."

Is there something we ordinary waged mortals should be told?

Yours faithfully,
J. S. GODDARD,
"Brynheulos",
Llanddewi Brefi,
Tregaron,
Dyfed.

Missing the Grade

From the Chief Executive
Channel Four Television Company Limited

Sir, May I be permitted to add the missing context to your City Diary item "City fails the Grade" (April 27) in which you quote me as saying at a recent dinner: "The City does not understand broadcasting, it hardly understands ICI and it certainly doesn't understand Arnold Weinstock, or else why is he still running GEC?"

In response to a question, I was arguing that the City's short-termism is so ill-informed and destabilising. The clearest implication of my ironic remarks about GEC was that it was lucky for British industry that figures like Arnold Weinstock were independent and far-sighted enough to resist the short-term criticism that one has read so much of over the years.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GRADE,
Channel Four Television,
60 Charlotte Street,
W1.
April 30.

Letters to The Times **Business and Finance section can be sent by fax on 071 782 5112.**

Insider feelings

From Mr Steven Wilson

Sir, Yet again insider dealing is dismissed as a victimless crime (Norman Barry, *The Times*, May 3).

If I invested my life savings in the shares of a company and the vendor had insider knowledge which implied, correctly, that the company would soon be bankrupt, I am confident that I would feel victimized.

Yours faithfully,
STEVEN WILSON,
14 Clifton Place,
Rotherhithe,
London.
May 3.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 87.6 (day's range 87.6-87.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for May 8

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6885-1.6735	1.6705-1.6715	0.97-0.95pr	2.72-2.70pr
Montrl.	1.9388-1.9471	1.9420-1.9450	0.31-0.23pr	0.57-0.47pr
Amstrdm	3.1067-3.1144	3.1105-3.1140	1⅞-1⅝pr	5⅛-4⅞pr
Brussels	56.91-57.23	57.03-57.23	32-30pr	82-77pr
Copnhgn	10.4882-10.5313	10.4907-10.5137	4½-3¾pr	11¾-11⅛pr
Dublin	1.0293-1.0330	1.0319-1.0325	37-32pr	100-91pr
Frankft	2.7622-2.7700	2.7683-2.7697	1⅜-1⅛pr	4⅜-4⅛pr
Lisbon	243.43-245.63	244.64-245.63	11pr-6dis	54-61dis
Madrid	172.61-173.53	172.90-173.42	14-4pr	33-18pr
Milan	2027.57-2034.11	2027.57-2031.29	6-4pr	18-14pr
Oslo	10.7451-10.7907	10.7480-10.7711	3⅛-2⅛pr	8⅞-8½pr
Paris	9.2802-9.3103	9.2963-9.3103	4½-4⅛pr	12⅞-12⅛pr
Stckhlm	10.0744-10.1126	10.0898-10.1126	2-1⅞pr	5⅞-5⅝pr
Tokyo	263.12-264.25	263.89-264.01	1⅞-1⅜pr	5⅛-5pr
Vienna	19.41-19.53	19.50-19.53	11¼-10¾pr	30⅞-28⅞pr
Zurich	2.3947-2.3990	2.3897-2.3928	1¼-1⅛pr	3⅞-3½pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	8378.38-8385.24
Australia dollar	2.2047-2.2090
Bahrain dinar	0.6255-0.6335
Brazil cruzado *	84.2895-85.9844
Cyprus pound	0.7830-0.7930
Finland marka	6.5140-6.5810
Greece drachma	270.15-273.35
Hong Kong dollar	13.0056-13.0152
India rupee	28.81-29.11
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4820-0.4910
Malaysia ringgit	4.5076-4.5125
Mexico peso	4500-4700
New Zealand dollar	2.8975-2.9044
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0890-6.1710
Singapore dollar	3.1178-3.1216
S Africa rand (fin)	6.7278-6.8704
S Africa rand (com)	4.4061-4.4139
U A E dirham	6.0900-6.1700

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.6185-1.6200	Denmark	6.2985-6.3035	Italy	1215.5-1216.5
Singapore	1.8685-1.8695	W Germany	1.6583-1.6590	Belgium (Com)	34.20-34.25
Malaysia	2.7015-2.7025	Switzerland	1.4345-1.4355	Hong Kong	7.7925-7.7935
Australia	1.3210-1.3227	Netherlands	1.8635-1.8645	Portugal	146.75-146.85
Canada	1.1632-1.1642	France	5.5700-5.5750	Spain	103.75-103.85
Sweden	6.0435-6.0485	Japan	157.65-157.75	Austria	11.83-11.84
Norway	6.4425-6.4475				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %-Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 15½ Low 15 Week fixed: 14⅞
Treasury Bills (Discount %): 1 month: 14⅞-14⅝pr
Buying: 2 mth — 14[7/32] 3 mth — 14[3/32]
Selling: 2 mth — 14⅝ 3 mth — 14[1/32]
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14⅞-14[23/32]
2 mth: 14[11/16]-14⅝ 3 mth: 14[29/32]-14[15/16] 6 mth 14[29/32]-14⅞
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15⅝
2 mth: 15[9/16] 3 mth: 15[7/32] 6 mth 14[29/32]
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 15⅞ close 16
1 week: 15-14[15/16] 1 mth: 15[1/16]-15[1/32] 3 mth: 15⅛-15[3/16]
6 mth: 15[7/32]-15⅝ 9 mth: 15[15/32]-15[9/32] 12 mth: 15⅝-15½
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 15 7 day: 15 1 mth: 15
3 mth: 15[3/16] 6 mth: 15⅝ 12 mth: 15[9/16]
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 15[1/16]-15
3 mth: 15[7/32]-15[5/32] 6 mth: 15⅛-15[3/16] 12 mth 15[15/32]-15⅝
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.35-8.30
3 mth: 8.45-8.40 6 mth: 8.62-8.57 12 mth 8.95-8.90
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 15[1/16]-15 2 mth: 15[3/32]-15⅛ 3 mth: 15⅛-15[3/16]
6 mth: 15[13/32]-15[9/32] 9 mth: 15½-15⅝ 12 mth: 15[15/32]-15[9/16]

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8⅛-8	8[9/16]-8[5/16]	8⅛-8⅛	8[11/16]-8[9/16]
Call: 8⅛-7⅝				
Deutschemark:	7[15/16]-7[12/16]	8-7⅞	8⅛-8⅛	8⅝-8⅜
Call: 8-7				
French Franc:	9⅝-9½	9⅝-9⅜	9[11/16]-9[7/16]	9[13/16]-9[11/16]
Call: 10⅛-9⅞				
Swiss Franc:	9-8⅞	9[7/16]-9[1/16]	9[1/16]-9[1/16]	9[3/16]-9[1/16]
Call: 9⅛-8⅞				
Yen:	7⅞-7	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞
Call: 7¼-6⅞				

GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)

Open: $372.50-373.00 Close: $369.25-369.75
High: $372.75-373.25 Low: $368.50-369.00

GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex VAT)

Britannia: $379.00-384.00 (£226.75-229.75)
Krugerrand: $368.00-371.00 (£220.00-222.00)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $379.00-384.00 (£226.75-229.75)
American Eagles: $379.00-384.00 (£225.75-229.75)
New Sovereigns: $87.25-89.25 (£52.00-53.50)
Old Sovereigns: $87.25-89.25 (£52.00-53.50)

PRECIOUS METALS

Platinum pm fix: $482.00 (£288.60)
Palladium pm fix: $119.00 (£71.25)
Spot Silver: $5.00-5.02 (£2.990-3.005)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100					
Jun 90	2202.0	2217.0	2201.0	2211.0	5288
Sep 90	NT			2249.0	0
Previous open interest 21583					
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 90	84.89	84.84	84.76	84.77	5342
Sep 90	85.04	85.05	84.98	85.02	19161
Previous open interest 163055					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 90	91.39	91.43	91.38	91.41	1 1482
Sep 90	91.21	91.26	91.20	91.26	2541
Previous open interest 33951					
Three Month Euro DM					
Jun 90	91.83	91.71	91.63	91.65	5381
Sep 90	91.25	91.32	91.22	91.30	9148
Previous open interest 71815					

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three month ECU					
Jun 90	89.80	89.66	89.57	89.58	105
Sep 90	89.42	89.67	89.42	89.48	121
Previous open interest 3767					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 90	90-14	90-23	90-12	90-21	1335
Previous open interest 4969					
Long Gilt					
Jun 90	80-09	81-03	79-30	80-15	35594
Previous open interest 39928					
Japanese Govt Bond					
Jun 90	93.68	94.00	93.62	94.00	117
Previous open interest 661					
German Govt Bond					
Jun 90	84.10	84.62	83.63	83.70	60601
Sep 90	83.64	84.32	83.43	83.42	1643
Previous open interest 72536					

COMMODITIES

London Oil Reports

Crude oil prices continued to improve on the back of promises that OPEC would adhere to it's new quotas. More bullish sentiment drove gasoline prices higher whilst other products, generally, lagged behind. Trade was minimal.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	16.30	+70
15 day May	16.45	+80
15 day Jun	16.95	+55
WTI Jun	18.45	+50
WTI Jul	19.00	+50

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.

Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	+4	216-220	+4
Gasoil EEC		155-157	
Non 1H Jun	+4	155-156	+3
Non 1H Jul	+3	154-155	+2
3.5 Fuel Oil		74-76	
Naphtha	+1	153-154	+1

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

May 90	Hi 1345-1335	Low	Close 1342
Jun 90	Hi 1250-1235	Low	Close 1250
Jul 90	Hi 1145-1131	Low	Close 1141
Oct 90	Hi 1240-1235	Low	Close 1238

Vol 249 lots Open Interest 3639
Dry cargo index 1330 -10

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL	AMT Futures
May	156.25-56.00
Jun	153.00-52.75
Jul	151.75-51.00
Aug	153.75-53.50
Sep	156.00-55.00
Oct	158.00-57.50
Nov	160.25-59.50
Vol	10535

BRENT	AMT Futures
Jun	16.99-16.95
Jul	17.44-17.38
Vol	15349

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
May	230.0	237.4
Nov	130.0	130.0
Feb	144.0	147.0
Apr	193.0	188.5

Vol 231

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THIRD MARKET

LONDON FOX

COCOA	AMT Futures
May 820-815	Mar 880-879
Jul 823-822	May 897-896
Sep 841-840	Jul 912-910
Dec 860-859	Vol 8183

COFFEE	AMT Futures
May 643-640	Jan 700-696
Jul 669-667	Mar 710-705
Sep 668-667	May 722-720
Nov 686-684	Vol 2476

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 4515
Aug 334.6-34.4 Mar 315.0-14.8
Oct 331.4-31.0 May 314.0-12.0
Dec 330.0-20.0 Aug 313.0-10.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 317
My 119.85 Jn 121.00 Sp 114.40
Nv 117.40 Ja 120.55 Mr 124.00

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 22
My 105.00 Sp 112.35 Nv 116.30
Ja 119.70 Mr 122.45 My 123.55

SOYABEAN	AMT Futures
Jun 127.0-29.0	Oct 128.0-29.0
Aug 126.5-27.5	Dec 133.0-34.5

Vol 28

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1619.0-1621.0	1497.0-1498.0	377550	Steady
Lead	487.50-488.00	484.00-485.00	35700	Brly Sdy
Zinc Spec Hi*	1790.0-1795.0	1690.0-1692.0	157675	Steady
Tin*	6420-6422	6530-6540	4165	Steadier
Aluminium Hi*	1496.0-1497.0	1513.0-1515.0	228665	Steadier
Nickel*	8925-8950	8725-8750	16252	Easier

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jun	123.5	123.0
Aug	117.3	116.3
Oct	118.5	118.5
Nov	118.5	118.5

Live Cattle Contract

Jun	unq	113.8
Aug	unq	115.0
Oct	unq	116.0

Vol Pig-27 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on May 8

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	94.05	188.78	108.72
GB (+/-)	-2.50	-37.75	-1.02
Eng/Wal (%)	+27.8	-5.4	-25.8
Eng/Wal (p)	93.99	189.56	108.32
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-1.84	-40.11	-0.29
Scotland (%)	-94.4	-40.7	-35.8
Scotland (p)	99.98	177.75	110.30
Scotland (+/-)	+0.41	-21.31	-3.37

* Estimated dead carcase weight

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Eastern premises

The West German, and later a unified German, commercial property market is one that investors and developers would be well advised to watch in the 1990s, Jones Lang Wootton, property consultants, concludes in a report on the market in West Germany in general and Berlin in particular.

The West German market is thriving. Rental growth of 10 per cent in 1988 and 26 per cent in 1989 in the Frankfurt office market is likely to be repeated or bettered in 1990, JLW partners Robert Orr and Michael Hodges say.

The report's timing could not be more appropriate — last weekend, at talks between the four Second World War allies, the two Germanies agreed that German unification should go ahead without delay.

The JLW report says severe planning restraints and lack of supply are causing rents to rise in the face of strong demand. The demand emanates from several factors in the Frankfurt market: pressure is coming from banks and professional organizations wanting to take more office accommodation for staff dealing with trade in eastern Europe.

JLW has five offices in West Germany and is appraising the opportunities for expansion into East Berlin, Leipzig and Dresden. Meanwhile, it is undertaking what is thought to be the first major valuation exercise by a western property consultancy, having been commissioned by an East German government department to value a portfolio of 34 city-centre commercial buildings and 20 sites in East Germany.

The merging of the East German property market with the West should lure investors

The West German commercial property investment market went through much change in 1989. The foreign investment share virtually doubled as Swedish investors took their share to almost 34 per cent of all overseas investment.

This put Dutch investors into second place in the foreign investment league table for the first time in many years.

The authors of the report believe that because West Germany is a market free from inherent legal obstacles to foreign investment, the strong flow of capital into the country will continue unabated into the foreseeable future.

Lack of supply of good investments, strong demand, a stable currency and a healthy leasing scene have driven prime yields down in some cities to 4.5 per cent. Further downward pressure is expected.

The West German general election in December, bringing the possibility of a socialist coalition, is thought unlikely to have a great effect on market sentiment.

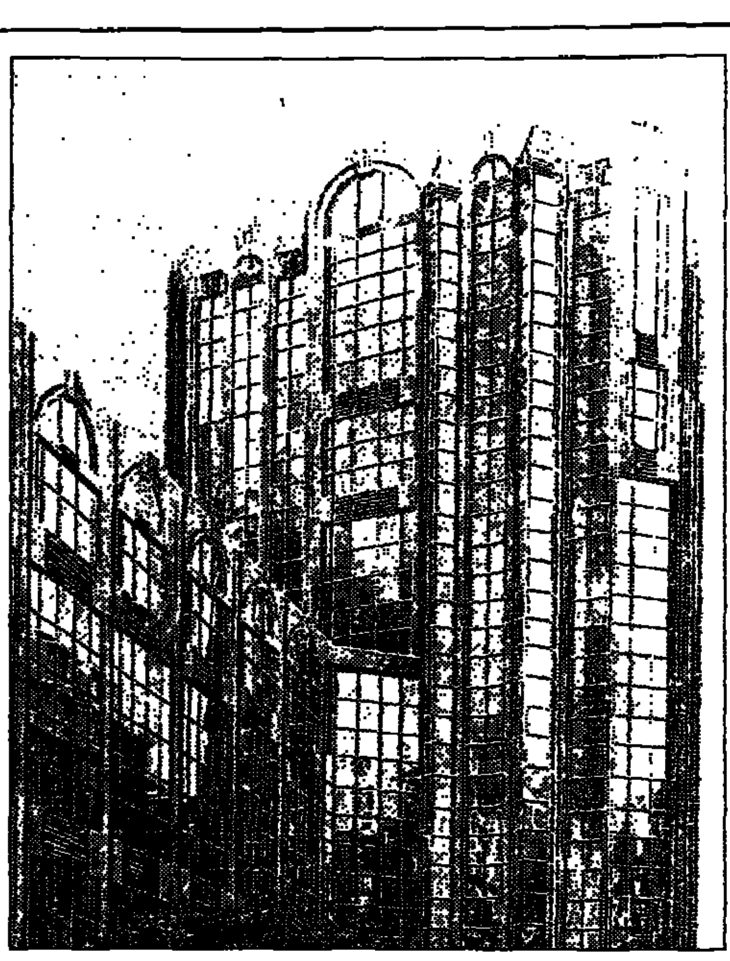
Looking at the "Berlin" effect, since the breaching of the Wall, JLW argues that all main German cities should be winners in the short to medium term. While Bonn will inevitably lose prominence as Berlin moves towards the point where it will reassume capital city status, it is likely to retain a proportion of its ministerial responsibilities, but may be a long-term loser.

Cities such as Hamburg, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Stuttgart and Munich are likely to gain in importance in the medium term.

The future of the Berlin market is one that depends on a number of political decisions, the report says: "Fundamental town-planning guidelines will be necessary for a united Berlin, and legal issues, not least of which is the question of ownership in East Germany, will need to be resolved before Berlin becomes a fully fledged investment market capable of attracting substantial long-term project funding.

"What is clear is that the will of the people and market forces will drive the market to very different heights very quickly."

To illustrate growing interest in Germany, JLW has announced new deals. Banque Pallas European Property Fund has acquired a second office investment in Frankfurt in its policy of expanding its investment in the country, and Irish Life Assurance has acquired its first property investment in Düsseldorf after a board decision to invest about DM30 million a year in West German real estate.



Work has begun on Colmore Gate, Birmingham, a development designed to form a gateway to the city's financial and professional quarter opposite Snow Hill station at the head of Colmore Row. The agent, Chesterton, believes the substantial investment in the city-centre by the developers, the Church Commissioners, highlights the investment community's confidence in Birmingham as a leading European business centre. The scheme, designed by Birmingham's Seymour Harris Partnership, includes 165,000 sq ft of office space around an atrium, and eight retail units. Alfred McAlpine Construction has won the £29 million building contract. Due for completion next year, the "environmentally friendly" development is expected to be one of the first buildings to qualify for the new green building certificate being launched by the Building Research Establishment.

Doubts keep the London rents down

OFFICE RENTS in London are still being pegged back by the uncertainty of the economy, although total occupancy costs have risen because of rate increases introduced last month, Weatherall Green & Smith, reports in an international survey of rents.

In London, the West End is holding its edge over the City despite the fact that rents have fallen back to their level of £65 a sq ft a year ago. In the City top rents have dropped from £65 a sq ft to £62.50 a sq ft. Total occupancy costs are now virtually the same at £89 a sq ft, with the City marginally more expensive.

Greg Cooke, partner responsible for the survey, comments that the present economic situation, combined with high inflation, the uncertainty about the effects of the rating reform and the increase of supply of new space is holding back rent rises.

He says: "Companies are deferring moves until there has been a significant adjustment in interest rates, which is unlikely during the next 12 months."

Elsewhere, rents have continued to rise in Tokyo, Frankfurt and Paris, but remain static in New York. In Tokyo, the fall in the yen has meant that occupancy costs in sterling terms have actually dropped, although it remains the most expensive office location in the world.

IN THE MARKET

■ Rosewood, an American hotel group, has been awarded the management contract for the hotel planned on the site of St George's hospital at Hyde Park Corner, London SW1, Richard Ellis, managers of the developers, announce. Rosewood Hotel Group has created some of the most luxurious hotels in the US.

The historic hospital is being restored to create a new luxury hotel, which is scheduled to open in summer 1991, but as yet has no name. The site, owned by Goodwill Nominees, will also include a separate newly constructed 140,000 sq ft office building.

■ Balfour Beatty Developments Ltd has been given consent by Hammersmith and Fulham Borough Council for the £350 million White City Centre scheme at Shepherd's Bush, west London. The 1.35 million sq ft project will include one of the biggest shopping centres in London, as well as leisure, office, residential and light industrial uses on 37 acres of semi-derelict land.

Work should begin in 1991 and generate 3,500 jobs on completion.

■ Royal Windsor and Eton's Grade II listed Riverside railway station, built in 1851 for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert by Sir William Tite, architect for the Royal Exchange, is to be restored as part of a development scheme by London & Edinburgh Trust with British Rail Property Board. The scheme will include a 25,000 sq ft office building adjoining the station.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

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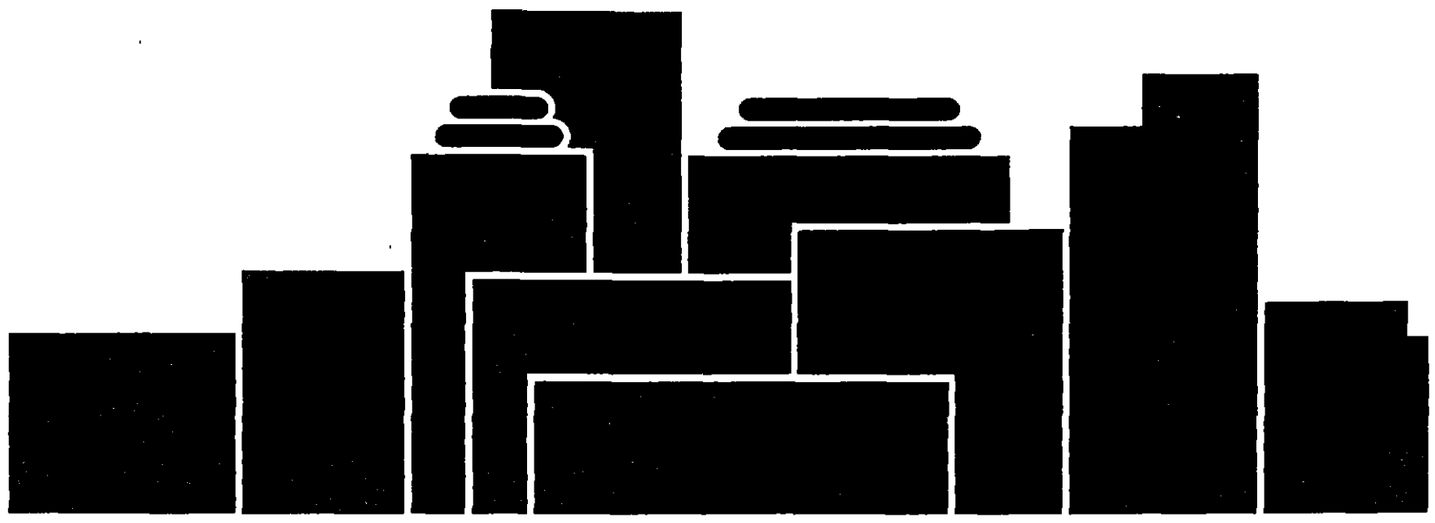

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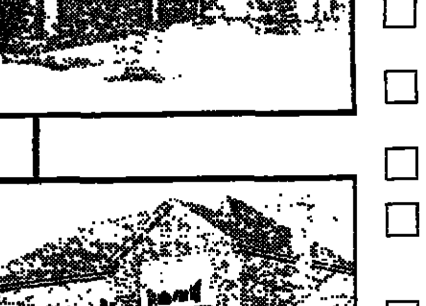

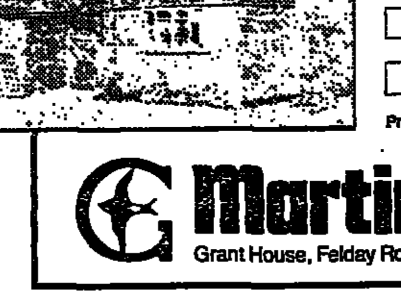

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By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

East Anglia with a touch of realism

Buyers in this popular region are paying more sensible prices after the slump

Expansive but expensive: Northmore Stud (left), at Exning, Newmarket, has a £3.5 million price guide. Right: Lodge Farm, at Hilgay, is priced at about £250,000

East Anglia gathered admiring looks as it emerged in the mid 1980s as a fast-growing region with attractive property that was considered under-priced. Instead of going west, to Berkshire and Wiltshire, the families who wanted to move into the country began to go east. The resulting property boom put an end to cheap prices, bringing East Anglia — as far north as Norwich — into line with other expensive regions.

Rail routes improved by electrification and better roads placed East Anglia within the reach of commuters, who were forced to look further in their serach for a tranquil lifestyle as Home Counties prices increased. The growing commercial prosperity of such centres as Peterborough, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich brought in more jobs and more people looking for homes.

Not surprisingly, prices leapt dramatically. Jeremy Carlson, a Savills regional director in Norwich, suggests that East Anglia prices rose by almost 100 per cent in three years until the boom ended in the summer of 1988. Inevitably the slump hit the region hard after such a boom, and since then prices have drifted down by about 25 per cent, he says.

The latest Halifax Building Society figures, to April, show average prices in East Anglia 19.5 per cent down over the 12 months, and still falling. The past three months show a 5 per cent drop.

As with other parts of the country that were the first to feel the effects of the slump, such as London and the south-east, there are signs now that the fall in prices may have bottomed out. Nobody expects prices to rise significantly for some time, however, as they have gone up much more than they have since drifted down.

David Sherwood, of Strutt & Parker's Chelmsford office, has observed that the market is much better than it has been for two years. It is still not a good market, but there has been an increase in activity in recent weeks. People are at last understanding that they cannot ask the figure they could have obtained two years ago.

Where a sensible price has been set, several interested parties have emerged, and Strutt & Parker has beer able to put the house to informal tender, maximizing the price. Mr Sherwood says: "Vendors should remember that if they drop by £20,000-£30,000 for a cash buyer — and there are some about — they then will be cash buyers and able to make similar savings on their purchase."

Jeremy Carlson has seen a change in the buyers in this upper end of the market. "Four years ago 70 per cent came from London and the south-east," he says. "Now the situation is reversed, with most buyers coming from within the East Anglia area, partly because people from the Home Counties have been unable to shift their own properties."

He believes that, although East Anglia is no longer the "cheap option", it looks set to prosper, and the demand for housing is likely to increase in the light of developments within the region.

In its May 1990 buyers' guide, Savills gives the average price for different categories of property in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Essex. A year ago a three-bedroom cottage cost £110,000-£220,000. Now the bracket is £85,000-£190,000. For a five-bedroom house with up to five acres, the range has reduced in price from £225,000-£500,000 to £190,000-£400,000. Only for the large country house with up to 20 acres, where good property is in short supply, has the price range held up: £450,000-£700,000 now, compared with £475,000-£650,000 in May 1989.

One of the most expensive properties on the market in the area is the Northmore Stud, Exning, Newmarket. It is among the few remaining private studs in Newmarket in English ownership. Hugh van Cutsem, whose family has owned Northmore Stud for 50 years, has bought part of the Hilborough Estate in Norfolk, and Savills is selling the stud with a £3.5 million price guide.

The Grade II listed house has four reception rooms, 10 bedrooms and a flat. There are also seven cottages in the 271 acres, which has a first-class wild pheasant shoot.

Lodge Farm at Hilgay, near Downham Market, Norfolk, is an example of the country house much in demand. The house, dating from the mid 18th century, needs some modernization, according to the agent, Knight Frank & Rutley. It stands in 2.5 acres and has three reception rooms and seven bedrooms and a range of outbuildings, including a coach house. Further land and a bungalow are available separately. The price is about £250,000.

In the Essex market town of Saffron Walden, Hamptons Jennings is selling the Long House, a Georgian house with 15th-century origins but mostly 18th-century in design. It is in a street with a variety of old town houses, overlooked by the great parish church. The house, with a classical brick façade, has three reception rooms, five bedrooms and a walled garden, in the corner of which is an ancient cottage in need of repair. The price: about £400,000.

IN THE MARKET

■ The Manor House, at Stoke Albany, near Market Harborough, Leicestershire, is a fine Grade II listed house dating from the 15th century and enlarged in 1682. It stands in 14 acres in the heart of hunting country and has a wide range of equestrian facilities, including an all-weather riding arena, a stable yard with 11 boxes and a self-contained groom's flat.
The house, built of Northamptonshire ironstone under a Collyweston slate roof, has three reception rooms, a master bedroom suite and four or five further bedrooms. There are also two barns. Savills' Stamford office is seeking £625,000.

■ Moorseats Hall, near Hathersage, Derbyshire, is generally acknowledged to be Moor House, in which Charlotte Brontë's Jane Eyre found sanctuary in the dark night after her flight from Thornfield Hall. Moorseats Hall, dating from the 17th century, was a moorland farmhouse at the time of Charlotte Brontë's visit to Hathersage in 1845. Later it was extended.
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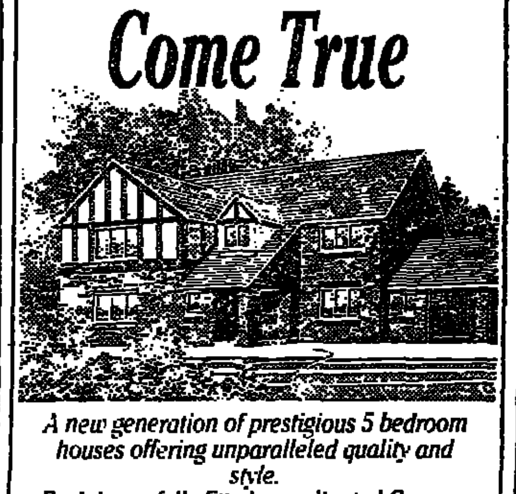

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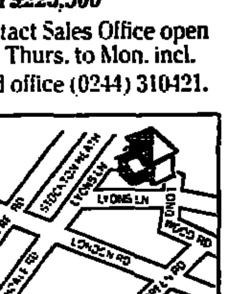

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Capitalise on your legal background and enjoy real involvement as a legal executive with some secretarial responsibilities in a European context. Lots of translating but good interpersonal skills required for your own client work.

CLC Language Services & Co (Rec Cons) 6 Buckingham Street London WC2N 6BU (071) 839 3365

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Participating in meetings, Client Liaison, lots of translating and proof reading, developing D Base & Graphics packs and some secretarial work add up to a unique opportunity for total involvement in the fast lane of the growing International law scene.

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Neue Zukunft Fluent German £16,000 + bens

Are you tired of half-hearted bilingual jobs? Would you like to use your fluent German constantly? The German Director of exciting new corporate venture (part of a major international company) needs a top-class PA to help him develop business in Europe. As his right-hand, you will ensure the smooth flow of business in his regular absence and fully utilise your organisational and bilingual abilities. Skills German sh 90/50/wp. French useful. Age 24-30. **Please call Caroline Tuck on 071-437 6032.**

HOBSTONES RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS

PARIS c. £18,000

Senior Executive Secretary (French mother-tongue) for M.D. of prestigious American P.R. firm. Excellent English & proven secretarial/administrative ability. Total involvement essential.

College-Leaver with fluent French and post A'Level bilingual secretarial training, who knows France, is keen to start a career in Paris and already has contacts there. Friendly working atmosphere, ideal jumping-off platform. c. £11,000 plus benefits.

BRUSSELS £16,000

Project Secretary for major European publication, to liaise with different EEC institutions and consultants. Strong organisational ability & computer literacy essential, plus sound secretarial background. Fluent English & French; German, Spanish useful.

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The Power House, Alpha Place, London SW3 5SZ
Tel: 071 351 6931 Fax: 071 376 8240
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PARIS !!!

Two exciting new positions have arisen to work in Paris & just North of Paris. In both cases you will be working in the French subsidiaries of the London Companies as part of lively, dynamic & friendly teams. Call for info. 50 wpm typing.

GERMAN OPPORTUNITY - CITY £17,000 PCKGE
An exciting opening for a fluent German speaker to assist two Executives within this major International Co. This is a demanding position providing secretarial back up, undertaking organisation of diaries, travel itineraries, meetings, correspondence & telephone liaison. This will be a rewarding role for a cheerful & flexible Secretary. 50 wpm typing. 23-40.

ITALIAN VENTURE £15,000 + PCKGE
Your fluent Italian, enthusiasm & secretarial experience will be fully used for the set up of a new Italian venture within this well-established Finance Co. You will enjoy constant liaison with Italy, hold the fort, meet clients and grow within this expanding lively team. 80/50 wpm.

FRENCH IN CHARITY £12,000
This well-established Charity Consortium is seeking a competent French speaking Secretary to assist the Executive Director. You will translate documents, proof-read, organise travel and arrange assembly meetings. First-class secretarial skills needed (incl. Audio typing).

FRENCH/SPANISH IN SURREY £12,000 + BENS
You will be using your fluent language skills when assisting the Legal Manager of this international Co & become fully involved when dealing with his travel arrangements, personal mail & consultancy work. 80/50 wpm required & audio.

FRENCH IN MARKETING - BIRMINGHAM £10,300
Become fully involved & learn all about marketing in this well known French Co. You will constantly use your French for translations, correspondence & overseas calls. 50 wpm typing - shorthand useful.

SPANISH RECEPTION £ NEG.
A smart, well-presented receptionist required for this prestigious City bank. You will use your fluent Spanish when answering all telephone calls & assisting with general office duties.

GERMAN IN DESIGN £10,000
Lots of variety for a young German speaker to become fully involved when assisting one of the Directors of this friendly Design Co. with secretarial/administration & general running of the office. 50 wpm essential. German an advantage.

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Constantly use your fluent Dutch/Scandinavian in this leading travel group. Not only will full training be provided but also the opportunity to embark on a career in the travel industry. No exp req'd.

GERMAN RECEPTIONIST £9,500 + BENS
In a friendly & busy environment answer all telephone calls, greet clients & help with some correspondence on a daily basis. Our client needs a well-presented & well-spoken person with accurate typing skills.

LONG-TERM TEMPORARY BOOKING - FRENCH
Fluent French with good sec. skills needed to work for this City based Organisation. Ring for more info.

EMPLOYERS PLEASE NOTE!
We always have competent Bilingual candidates available for temporary bilingual bookings and Temp to Perm trials. Ring us immediately if you need help!

Boyce Bilingual
071-287 6060

Major League £15,000 + pkg

Two directors of new investment venture need an Italian speaking PA to join a team heading for the major league. You will enjoy a key position in centrefield as you liaise in Italian with clients, tackle correspondence and travel itineraries and help set up new systems. Aged 21-30, with skills of *100/60/wp, good Italian and banking experience* you will be ready for the first division where a mortgage subsidy is included in the transfer fee!

Please telephone Nicola Whenham on 071-588 3535.

Crone Corkill *Multilingual*

AfB RECRUITMENT

OUT OF TOWN MULTILINGUAL OPPORTUNITIES

UXBRIDGE: French Bi-ling PA 25+ for European Development Manager of international leisure co. This is a newly created position with lots of potential for a bright enthusiastic person. German Italian and any other languages would be useful and fully utilised. Excellent perks. 80/50 wpm skills c £13,500

WIMBLEDON: Italian Bi-ling PA 35+ for Managing Director of large international corporation. There is lots of scope to combine your linguistic secretarial and admin talents working for a busy man in a hectic environment. c £15,000

SUNBURY ON THAMES: *German*/French Tri-ling PA for 2 Managers of exciting new team involved in worldwide communications. This position involves a lot of admin and organising and needs someone who likes to use their initiative and work independently. Italian would be a distinct advantage 100/60 wpm skills c £14,000

Call Sarah or Jane on
071 831 9411

AFB RECRUITMENT
17 GATE STREET, LONDON WC2A 3HR
Fax: 071-404 4212

BILINGUAL German PA/ Office Mngr for Int. City Co. Some book keeping exp ess. as is computer literacy. Excl prospects. £neg aae. 071 387 7622 Language Recruitment Services

CAMPIENS, France. Bilingual French Sec is sought by Int printing group to assist their Technical Manager. This is a senior level position requiring initiative & confidence, plus good sec skills (no s/h). The company will assist in relocation costs & in finding accom. Salary: To £25,000 FF. Tel: The Language Business 071 379 3189 (Rec Cons)

DUTCH speakers where are you?? Ring Anita on (0304) 842085 (Eurosec Rec Cons)

FRENCH spkg Super Sec with gd typing & pref SH for resp director level role in Finance House. £12,500 + perks. Link Lang Appts 071 408 2150

FRENCH speaking Telephonist/Receptionist. £11,600 + bank bens. Ideal opportunity for 2nd jobber with WP skills to work in French City bank offering excellent prospects. Tel: 071 408 0247 - Elizabeth Hunt Recruitment Consultants - Multilingual Division.

FRENCH Biling PA to French Chief Exec in Intl City Co. Lots of scope for involvement. Sec skills ess 90/ 50wpm. £15,000 + Bens The Language Specialists. Merrow Emp Agy 071 636 1487.

FRENCH speaking Secretary, £12 000. International organisation seeks junior secretary with ability to type in French and WP skills. Suit someone with two years experience. Plush offices with a young friendly environment. Telephone 071 408 0247 - Elizabeth Hunt Recruitment Consultants - Multilingual Division.

FRENCH speaking Sec/Asst to 2 Executives with large Hotel chain. Excellent long-term prospects as young, expanding international company. Coordinating, liaising and extensive client/supplier liaison. Wp/Typ Hounslow area. Salary 10K neg. Please call Eagle Recruitment on 071-823 9233

FRENCH bilingual PA/sec to assist young Manager in prestigious Film Co. Responsible (and hectic) post with high language content & lots of admin! Exc shorthand and exp of taking minutes are essential along with total fluency in French. Additional languages useful. £16,000 (neg)! Cavell Bilingual Rec Cons 071-255 3277

FRENCH bilingual secretary urgently required for interesting post in intl Charity. Previous translation exp (from English into French necessary. Exc typing & audio skills £11,250 + bens. Cavell Bilingual Rec Cons 071-255 3277

GERMAN Admin Secretary to £17,000 + bens is sought by city finance house. Supporting a small team, you will use your languages extensively liaising with head office in Frankfurt, undertaking company research and assuming full responsibility for the smooth running of the office. Good secretarial and administrative skills (no s/h), basic book-keeping exp, computer literacy and a flexible approach ess. Age open. Tel: The Language Business 071 379 3189 (Rec Cons).

GERMAN Assistant/Office Mgr Int'l bank. City. Responsible, challenging and demanding role for bright self-motivated person. Assist the MD/Analyst with research, preparation of presentations and run the office incl. book-keeping. Excellent computer skills/WP and German mother-tongue ess. Age: 25-35. Please call Eagle Recruitment on 071-823 9233

GERMAN speaker required to play a busy and pressurised role within this prestigious Investment Bank. Use your excellent German to liaise with high profile clients and translate documents and correspondence, as well as providing 100% back up to this small team. Excellent career opportunity for a flexible, ambitious individual. Age 22 - 35. c£16,000. Call Carrera Recruitment Advisers on 734 2808

GERMAN speaking secretary for this glamorous, fast-moving City company. Working for 2 dynamic and successful executives you will be the vital lynchpin in their lives becoming totally involved in client contact and handling their personal work. The environment is pressurised so you must be resilient but the rewards are high as you will earn £14,000 plus £5,000 per annum paid monthly towards your mortgage. Shorthand isn't necessary but a flexible outgoing manner is essential. Call Deborah Lee MacBlain Nash City Secs (Rec Cons) 071 872 8887.

GERMAN spkg Receptionist for friendly City Bank. Typ 35wpm to £12,000. Link Language Appointments 071 408 2150

GERMAN Office Manager for Intl *M & A Co Outstanding opp for* prof. career-minded sec looking for independence & resp. Computer literate. good with figures & confident to handle research projects? £18,000 + excl bens. The Language Specialists. Merrow Emp Agy 071 636 1487

GERMAN spkg Sec for well known Intl Co. W. London. Excl career move. £11,600. Link Lang Appts 071 408 2150

GERMAN? West Sussex - Outstanding opp. to join management consultancy dealing with int'l co. developments/mergers in challenging, responsible role as PA to MD Previous translation/research experience, WP/spreadsheet/graphic skills and German mother-tongue ess. Salary 18K neg aae. Please call Eagle Recruitment on 071-823 9233

ITALIAN speaking secretary for dynamic division of International Bank. Package £16K. Early 20's. Ring Anita on (0304) 842085 (Eurosec Rec Cons)

JAPANESE: we have lots of vacancies for Bilingual secs/PAs in a variety of Co's. Salaries excellent. Cavell Bilingual Rec Cons 071-255 3277

MUNICH Bilingual fluent German experienced PA/Secretary to Man. Dir of fast expanding prestigious Golf Driving Range business based in Munich. Good typing (WP an advantage) & administrative skills. Shorthand & some audio. Must be car driver. Starting salary DM4,000 (about £1,500) monthly + assistance with flat rent. Apply Edward Day, UK Tel: (042 482) 291 or Fax: (042 482) 693 for further details.

PARIS Several interesting posts for exp secs/PAs with good french Salaries neg. Cavell Bilingual Rec Cons 071-255 3277

RECEPTIONIST for busy sociable pos. in French Co. Assisting personnel & Admin Depts French & WP/ Switchboard exp useful. £9K + bens. Link Lang Appts 071 408 2150

SPANISH PA Sec to GM of Intl Leisure Co. Very resp role - liaising with overseas clients, org welcoming committees inc travel itineraries, reports + statistics. No SH. To £12,000 + bens inc free flights! The Language Specialists. Merrow Emp Agy 071 636 1487.

SENIOR Secretary £14,000. Client contact and conversational French guarantee you a varied role assisting two directors within this young and fun company. You'll use your organisational expertise to liaise on your bosses behalf and organise their hectic schedules. 90/60 skills. Please ring Elizabeth Hunt Multilingual Division 071-248 3744

SWEDISH speaking PA in legal firm, Central London. If you have secretarial experience Typ. WP. Please call Eagle Recruitment on 071-823 9233 Salary c13.5K

TRILINGUAL PA/Secretary. £15,000 + exc package. International company based in West End seeks French and German speaking PA to work for busy Managing Director. Communication and organisation are the key skills required along with shorthand. If you enjoy responsibility please telephone 071 408 0247 - Elizabeth Hunt Recruitment Consultants - Multilingual Division

SUPER SECRETARIES

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We moved into our *bright new sunny offices* on 8 May. We're just about ready for business, if you don't mind the workmen still around. But there's a chair to sit on and a cup of coffee and our well known warm, friendly welcome. Contact Audrey Dicker and staff for your new secretarial job.

Bell Yard Recruitment 071 405 4747

£14,000 ++. Office Co-ordinator - Hammersmith. Fast-growing Consultancy requires person with Applemac. Varied role *incl. office accts + varied admin* duties. Call Kudos Consultants in Recruitment 071-287 3456.

£14,000 ++. DTP person with good Applemac WP experience for fast-growing co. In Hammersmith. Scope for involvement & development of role. Call Kudos Consultants in Recruitment 071-287 3456.

£14,500 neg. Prestigious property company seek an audio secretary to assist their young Company Secretary. Varied role, requiring the use of good admin/organising skills. Age 24+, excellent package offered. Call Hodge Recruitment 071-629 8863.

£15,000 As PA to the dynamic, young Managing Director of this major shipbroking company, you will have a crucial and demanding supportive role. *This is a fast moving environment*, so whilst enjoying an extremely friendly team atmosphere, your organisational and secretarial skills will really be put to the test. Excellent scope to develop role including chance to learn desktop publishing. Age: 20-30. Skills: 90/60. The Recruitment Company 071 831 1220.

£17,000 - bubbly, socially confident secretary for successful Property Development Company near to Green Park Underground. You'll be looking after one Director who travels extensively and in his absence assisting *the Administration Manager* with subjects as diverse as corporate entertainment, personnel, administration etc. Skills 90/60. Age mid twenties. Please call Jo Toben at King & Toben Recruitment Consultants on 071-629 9648

A *Mayfair based commercial surveyors*, senior secretary Wang (OIS60) 25+ non-smoker. London based. salary £13,600+. Tel: 071-499 5511 No Agencies

AD Agency £12,000 + exc bonus & sal review. To work with European clients, organising travel, diaries, international meetings and all ad hoc admin. Skills: 50 wpm + WP. Call Fox Rec Cons 071 494 0415.

AD/ Marketing PA £13,000 - Small, direct Marketing Consultancy part of large ad agency, require super efficient PA to work alongside thew MD. Setting up all office systems, unlimited scope, must have good sec background and related work experience. Please call Janine of AFB Rec Cons on 071-831 9411.

ADMINISTRATOR to organise International Operations for Software Group's subsidiaries in Australia and Hong Kong. Arrange conferences, trade fairs; process orders, maintain all records. You should have a very good telephone manner and relavant administrative experience. Typing an advantage. *Salary £15,000 pa plus* excellent package. Central London. Please contact Alexis Personnel on 071-439 2777. (Rec Cons).

ADMINISTRATION. If organisation and administration are your forte we have the perfect opportunity for you. As assistant *course* administrator in this large progressive organisation, you will have total responsibility for the smooth running of internal and external courses, seeing each project through from start to finish. Working to deadlines in a hectic, fun environment you'll be *negotiating* with hotels, liaising with delegates and lecturers, arranging equipment and co-ordinating course material. Typing is essential to complete your own correspondence. Age 21+. For further information on this superb career stepping stone call Finesse Appointments (Rec Cons) 071 499 9175.

AMAZING Ad Agency £13,000 + exc bonus & Sal review. Dealing with magazine launch & all ad hoc admin/sec duties. Skills: rusty S/H & 50 wpm typ for 100% involvement. Call Fox Rec Cons 071 494 0415.

AUCTIONEERS Sec - Every six weeks an auction is held. Every six weeks hopefully a celebration!! Duties include: lots of client contact, attending auctions, admin, typing correspondence *(Audio)*. A *sense of humour* needed and the wish for an exciting and rewarding position. £12,000 + exc bens. Call Jane 323 3388 Visa Rec Cons.

BATTERSEA BRIDGE £15,000. 3 Directors of this highly successful small business need an *Office Manager/Secretary to* organise a frantically busy team. You will have elementary accounting/bookkeeping experience, an extremely confident telephone manner to deal with clients ranging from Fashion/Int. Des. to the industrial world and be responsible for the day to day admin/correspondence between yourself and your office junior. For further information please contact Emma Roberts on 071 581 2977 at Jane Crosthwaite Recruitment Consultants, 2 Cromwell Place, SW7 2JE (1 min from St Ken tube).

CAREER PA with good WP/audio skills for hard-working Tax Dept. Mngr. Fleet Street. Exc prospects. £13,000 + bonus. Call Charlotte on 071-831 2886 Format (Rec Cons)

CHARITY PA. £16,000 pa AAE. A confident, secretarially-skilled person is required to work as "Right Hand" to the Business Appeals Manager of this leading South Kensington Charity. In addition to routine secretarial duties (no shorthand), you will enjoy liaison with top Directors, work closely with their PR Department and undertake detailed research on companies and prominent individuals. A computer-friendly person with accurate typing and good organisational flair will thrive here. Please contact Katie Doull on 071 491 1868. *La Creme Consultants.*

EXECUTIVE Search W1. c£16,500. This is an excellent opportunity for a mature and calm P.A. with a knowledge of, or experience in Financial Markets to work on 1:1 basis in an internationally renowned headhunting operation. The successful applicant must be well dressed and spoken, 'A' level calibre and have an interest in world affairs. Call Sally Owens or Sallyanne Brady on 071-235 8427 Knightsbridge Secretaries 31A Sloane Street, SW1.

FILM Co. Secretary £10-12,000 a.a.e. - Bright 1st/ 2nd Jobber to work in a subsidiary office of prestigious film co. Must have excellent sec skills, enthusiastic personality and willing to help wherever needed. Please call Janine of AFB Rec Cons on 071-831 9411.

FINISHING College soon? Does Music Business Publishing appeal? Do you have 80 wpm shorthand, 45 wpm typing and some knowledge of WP? If you do you could find yourself working for this trendy, thoroughly modern and switched-on, West End Pop Music Publishers, earning £10,000 pa. You will be able to work under the wing of a more experienced secretary initially. However, once you've settled in you will be Secretary to a Direc*tor and a Publicity Officer*, which just goes to prove you don't have to start at the bottom! Please call Suzanne Blair on 071 491 1868. La Creme Consultants.

FRIENDLY Market Research Company St. John's Wood. Requires an enthusiastic Secretary/P.A. with good administrative and organisational skills to join hectic new advertising research team. Must have W.P. skills (Word Perfect) and a keen interest in developing other microcomputer skills. Knowledge of German an asset. Good salary for the right candidate. Contact Fiona Charlton on 071-286 9980

HAMMERSMITH - Join the media world as PA to this lively, young creative director, involved in business development. He is looking for an intelligent, flexible person to whom he can delegate and involve in all aspects of his work. Good typing needed. Training given on Applemac. Salary £15,000 plus excellent company benefits. Please telephone Caroline King Appointments 071-499 8070.

HIGH Wycombe £12,000 + benefits. Lovely opening for a bright, organised individual with our client, a well-known High Wycombe based concern. Specialists in the field of *furniture design & manufacturing*. their go-ahead Marketing Director offers an involving, one-to-one role for a bright, confident PA/ Secretary. Enormous demands are made upon his time, so you will co-ordinate & administer his business commitments. In addition to normal PA duties, lots of liaison with clients & reps: handle admin tasks & learn all about marketing. Confident communication skills a must. Initiative vital. Skills (80/50). Call Gordon Yates Consultants on 071-493 5787.

IDEAL job for college leaver or 2nd jobber. Enthusiastic, bright, presentable secretary needed to join team in West End Medical Practice. Excellent salary according to experience. Call Tricia on 071-631 1771.

IF you lack motivation in your current position and the challenge of a career move into high profile Banking where the pace is hectic and stimulating tempts you...and you are early 20's with good secretarial skills (80/50) wanting a good social life and excellent salary package (£15,000 plus) call Deborah Lee MacBlain Nash City Secs Rec Cons. 071 872 8887.

INTERIOR Design wonderful opportunity for young Sec with good typing and lots of common sense to join small fun team. c£12,000. 071 235 6353 Jaygar Careers Rec Cons.

IMMEDIATE start for long-term booking. Responsible Secretary required for French Company based in stunning offices near to Hyde Park, to start May 14. If you have good business French - for conversational use only. Wordperfect experience, rusty shorthand. (French shorthand useful), and the ability to work as part of a small team please call urgently for an immediate appointment. Age 22-30. Rate to £9.50 per hour. Please call King & Toben Recruitment Consultants 071 629 9648

JUNIOR PA Windsor - £12,000. The fast-paced world of acquisitions is the setting for this interesting Junior PA position with a small, friendly company based in the beautiful town of Windsor. You will be mainly assisting their very approachable Office Manager, co-ordinating the activity of four busy Directors who all travel extensively in Europe & the Far East. Lots of telephone liaison and overseas contact with clients who often speak rusty English, so a patient, positive manner is highly desirable. Lots of travel arranging, organising meetings etc. Skills (75/50) requested. To know more telephone 071-493 5787 Gordon Yates Consultants.

JUNIOR Sec. To £13,300 + benefits. 2nd Jobber req for large multi-national Co. SH/ Audio/ Copy. Varied role. excellent prospects. Knowledge of Japanese helpful. Call Zena 071-831 9411 AFB Rec Cons.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE Design/PR Consultancy, urgently requires a secretary in early 20's who must be bright & enthusiastic to join their busy team. WP experience essential with fast, accurate typing. Salary a.a.e. Please telephone Suzie Barker on: 071 225 2465 A.S.A.P. No agencies.

MAGAZINES 18,000 + benefits. A prestigious position has arisen for a well educated, intelligent person to work at very senior level for a famous publishing house. As assistant to the Managing Director, your duties will include liaising with media personalities and senior management. Arranging and attending social functions and obviously organising a very hectic diary. You will need to be well spoken, well educated with excellent communication skills and indestructable energy to carry out this high profile role effectively. Age 26-35. Call Carrera (Recruitment Advisers) on 071 734 2808

MARKETING assistant with creative flair for a high profile City company. This superb career opportunity ensures total in*volvement as you assist in de*signing presentation material, organising conferences and training programmes and liaise with overseas offices. The prospects are unlimited in this pressurised environment where initiative and a young lively personality are essential. You *will need basic typing and O-*level art and likely to be early 20's. Salary £10,000 plus excellent benefits. Call Deborah Lee MacBlain Nash City Secs (Rec Cons) 071 872 8887.

MATURE SH Sec £13,750. Large Engineering Co. seek Snr Sec, *age 40+ for Asst Chairman &* PR Manager. 90/60 wpm. Varied and responsible position for a concientious worker. Call Zena 071-831 9411.

MEDIA Secretary to assist dynamic Director of leading Marketing Company. A first-class opportunity *if you relish variety* and a bustling, somewhat hectic environment. Good typing a must (65 wpm+). £14,500 pa plus good benefits. Please contact Alexis Personnel on 071-439 2777 (Rec Cons).

ORGANISER? to £15,000. Dual role offered within successful Ideas and Marketing Consultancy. As PA/Office Manager, secretarial skills are required along with knowledge of desk top publishing. For full details call Hodge Recruitment 071-629 8863.

PARK LANE £16,000 neg. Suitable *for the mature secretary*, this is a secure position based in beautiful offices assisting the Company Secretary of a holding company with *prestigious* department stores within the group. Requiring skills of 90/50 wpm excellent benefits include 20% discounts. lunch. pen. *scheme. Please call Hodge Re*cruitment 071-629 8863.

PERSONAL assistant is sought for the Deputy Managing Director of this newly created, busy and pressurised division within a major International PLC. He is *responsible for advising clients* on a number of 'headline' issues - le environment, risk insurance etc. Your position would be extremely varied, involving departmental administration, hectic travel and diary arrangements, committee co-ordination and minute-taking (90 sh essential) plus extensive client and staff liaison. You should enjoy using your initiative, have excellent organisational skills and be able to prioritise in this frontline role. Age 26-35. Salary c£16,000 plus excellent benefits. Please call Marianne Hope MacBlain Nash (Rec Cons) in confidence. Tel: 071 872 8887.

PART-TIME P.A./Advertising £7,000. For energetic young M.D. High profile City-based environment. Typing required 60wpm. Hours 9am - 1pm. Ritz Rec Cons 071-929 5850

PARTNER'S Secretary to £15,000 pa plus excellent benefits. Distinguished Law firm located in the heart of Mayfair in luxurious premises seeks a Secretary with company commercial or litigation experience. Good audio skills requested. *Lovely environment, warm and* friendly atmosphere. Please contact Alexis Personnel on 071-439 2777 (Rec Cons)

PR/Communications. Are you a versatile, imaginative, career minded secretary looking for a company who will encourage you to develop your potential? This leading communications group has a unique opportunity in their high profile PR department. The scope is endless as you coordinate promotional campaigns and product launches, issue press releases and liaise with advertising agencies, journalists and clients. 45wpm typing. Age 20+. For further information call Finesse Appointments on (071) 493 7028 (Rec Cons).

PUBLIC Relations, leisure industry, ambitious Sec/Typist *for lively W1 P.R. office.* Genuine opportunity for progression. £12,000 pa to start. Call Pam Greenwood Personnel 071 938 2222 (Rec Cons).

PUBLIC Relations Team Assistant. £13,000 AAE with terrific prospects. Just a stone's throw from Notting Hill's Central Line, this thriving PR Consultancy provides its employees with a refreshingly successful and activity-packed atmosphere. If you want to join a creative company with a view to becoming involved in client ser*vicing and are happy to use* your secretarial and keyboard skills, whilst working very much on your own initiative, this Company will provide you with that elusive opportunity. Don't miss out. Call Jo Olswang on 071 491 1868. La Creme Consultants.

RICHMOND Marketing Company. Age 21. £11,600pa. As a key member of a dynamic, young marketing team, you can take on as much responsibility as you can handle. Good audio typing skills, an excellent telephone manner and a professional *approach are what you need* to pursue this superb opportunity. Call Ian Archibald on 071 491 1868. La Creme Consultants

SECRETARIES for Architects & Designers. Permanent & temporary positions. AMSA Specialist Recruitment Consultants 071-734 0532.

SECRETARY/PA SW1 area sal to £14K. For busy financial company, a bright bubbly personality with excellent communication skills and good organisation to look after 2 Directors. Excellent package with travel perks in return for shorthand/audio and WP exp. Phone Dane Hutchinson 071-581 3821. Emp Agy.

SECRETARY For small corporate information dept of major European Group. Able to work to deadlines on company Mag and Publications, admin for functions ect W1. £13,000. Woodhouse Rec Cons 071 404 4646.

SH Sec. Sal to £15,300. Large multi-national co seeks mature SH Senior Secretary for their *treasury dept. 80/50 wpm. Pref* Treasury/ Finance exp. Full secretarial role. Excellent benefits. Call Zena 071-831 9411 AFB Rec Cons.

SPORTY and social W.E Co. require an outgoing secretary to look after a team of 3 energetic consultants. Fast accurate typing, a sense of humour and a lively spirit are a must. £13,000 + benefits. Call Caroline Wharton 071- 839 7866 Astley Wharton Davies (Rec Cons).

SUNSHINE. Follow the sun all year round and enjoy free holidays and cheap flights as PA to the Business Development Director of this leading holiday company. Your role will be predominately in a PR and administrative capacity, liaising with travel agents, resort representatives and hoteliers. Personal presentation and commitment are essential. Career prospects are excellent. Age 21+. Typing 50 wpm. Salary £12,000. Call Finesse Appointments (Rec Cons) 071 493 7028.

TORY MP with heavy workload requires Secretary with fast, accurate typing. Apply in writing with CV Reply to BOX K35. Salary negotiable.

VIDEO'S to £13,000. Reception /secretarial role assisting the MD of this new company involved in producing copies of corporate video's and films. Good typing/WP skills required. for full details *call* Hodge Recruitment 071-629 8863.

WORK locally in Watford office £13,000 + paid O/T. Exc bens. PA to Dir of large Engineering Co. Rusty s/h with good audio and ability to be a strong administrator. Call Charlotte on 071-831 2886 Format (Rec Cons)

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES

by Huon Mallalieu

Burning desire for all things splendid

Tom Burn, who died in 1985, collected English pottery and porcelain. About 600 of his items are up for auction

How pleasant to be 21 and to be given a Rolls-Royce. Better still to receive not just a garage for the car, but a lovely Elizabethan manor house to go with it.

How pleasant, in short, to have been Tom Burn, of Rous Lench Court, Worcestershire, who died aged 77 in 1985. In 1946 he had become the major shareholder in the family tailoring businesses and, armed with knowledge and a great deal of money, he set about the equally serious business of furnishing his house. The post-war years were glorious for such a collector, especially one who made good friends with the dealers, curators and authors who could help him. There was a lot available, few people were interested and prices were low.

At his death, the house, about five-and-a-half miles from Alcester in a pretty stretch of country between the Piddle and the Whitsun brooks, and its splendid collections, most notably of oak furniture and English pottery, were left to two of his friends, Monica Houghton and James Newman.

In July 1986 Sotheby's held a four-day sale, which began with what was billed as the finest private collection of pottery to be dispersed since the war. The house itself, which would have enchanted a Victorian genre painter, is now for sale through Hamptons, with a £750,000 guide price, and it seems the collection was greater and more important than previously claimed. A further 600 items of mainly English pottery and porcelain are to be auctioned on May 29 and 30, this time by Christie's.

Tom Burn collected with love and enthusiasm — each morning he would bid "Good morning, young ladies" to a pair of 18th-century enamel portraits of the beautiful Gunning sisters — so it is likely that the auctioneers are understating the case when they say that his treasures will "appeal to collectors on grounds of academic interest and scope". One of the particular features of the 1986 sale was the number of items inscribed or dated or both, and the same is true this time. Then there were six naive Staffordshire slipware dishes on offer, including two or perhaps three by Thomas Toft, one by John Wright, and one by John Simpson; this time the four dishes on offer are a Ralph Toft, a Ralph Simpson "Cat and Mouse" dish, a John Wright and a Samuel Malkin. The last is expected to be the most expensive, with an estimate of between £25,000 to £35,000. The Malkin is decorated as a clock-face, and cryptically dated by the figure 17 in the day aperture and the hands pointing to noon.

There are also a number of 17th-century English delftware wine bottles and jugs, of which a jug with portraits of Charles II and his bride Catherine of Bragança dated 1662 is expected to make up to £50,000, and a Southwark wine bottle dated 1628 could make up to £20,000.

There is an 18th-century punch bowl (£10,000 to £15,000) with the entirely right-headed inscription: "Since Drinking Has Power To Give Us Relief. Come Fill Up The Bowl & A Pox On All Grief. If That Won't Do, We'll Have Such Another. & So We'll Proceed From One Bowl To Another". Tom Burn was evidently a lover of animals, at least in ceramic form, and there is an amusing menagerie lurking among the lots. I suppose that an eccentric salt-glaze teapot of about 1760 principally modelled as Bacchus must be included under this heading, since the barrel on which the plump god is seated has a camel-like neck and head forming the spout.

One wonders whether tea was indeed the intended beverage (£3,500-£5,000). A salt-glaze owl of about 1750 (£10,000-£15,000) is splendidly modelled except for the claws, which seem rather feeble, otherwise the still more lively creamware squirrel (£4,000-£6,000), would no doubt have lost its tail.

There are many human figures in the porcelain section, and among the best Bow pieces is a pair in white of the 18th-century comedians Kitty Clive and Harry Woodward (£20,000 to £30,000). Other notable porcelain figures include a Chelsea red anchor "Nourrice" (£8,000-£12,000), and a bust of the Duke of Cumberland, circa 1750 (£6,000-£8,000); a fisherman and companion, made by the "Girl in a Swing" factory (£30,000-£50,000), and a Liverpool bust of George II (£10,000-£15,000).

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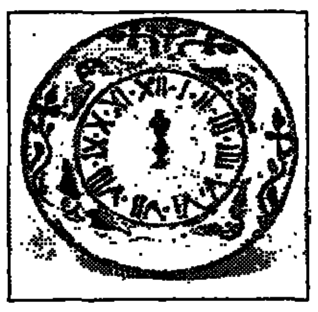

Above: Malkin's press-moulded clock-face dish may bring up to £35,000. Below: Ralph Simpson's Staffordshire slipware charger. Right: An English delftware jug with portraits of Charles II and his bride Catherine of Bragança dated 1662 is expected to make up to £50,000

ON SALE, ON SHOW

Selected events from today to June 9. Auctions usually at 11am unless otherwise stated — but check before making a special journey:

May 9, 10.30am, 2pm: Sale of 50 longcase clocks and other timepieces. Sotheby's, Sussex (0403 783933). **May 9-18:** Watercolours of the Lake District. Moss Galleries, 238 Brompton Road, London SW3, (071 225 3389). **May 10, Noon:** Book and document sale. Lawrence, Crewkerne, Somerset, (0460 73041). **May 10-26:** Exhibition of prints of North American Indians. Schuster Gallery, Maddox Street, W1, (071 491 2208).

May 11-13: Antique Dealers' Fair of Wales, Margam Castle, nr Swansea, (0937 823029). ***May 12-19:*** *Buxton* Antiques Fair, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton, (04868 22562).

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May 16, 10.15am: Mixed antiques sale. Western Saleroom, Sheffield. (0742 686294). **May 16, 10.30am:** Large sale of mixed antiques. Boardman. Town Hall, Clare, Suffolk, (0440 730414). **May 16, 10.30am:** Sale of paintings and watercolours. Beame's, Rainbow, Torquay, (0803 296277). **May 16, 7pm:** Sale of netsuke, inro and pipecases. Christie's King Street, SW1, (071 839 9060).

May 17, 10.30am: Ceramics and furniture sale. Hy. Duke, Dorchester, Dorset, (0305 265080). **May 17:** Old Master sale. Sotheby's, Chester, (0244 315531). **May 17, 5.30pm and May 18 10.30am and 2pm:** Maritime sale. Christie's S. Kensington at the Commonwealth Institute.

May 17-19: Bucks & Berks Antiques Fair, Rivermead Centre, Reading, (0743 673674). **May 18-20:** Bristol & West of England Antiques Fair, Exhibition Centre, Bristol, (0364 52182).

May 24 5pm: Sale of topographical pictures. Christie's S. Kensington, (071 581 7611). **May 24, 6pm:** *Garden and flower painting sale.* Bonhams, Montpelier Street, SW7, (071 584 9161).

May 27-28: Maps & Prints Fair, Harrodian Club, Lonsdale Road, SW13, (081 946 6593). **May 29 and 30:** Sale of the Rous Lench collection of British ceramics. Christie's King Street.

May 30 and 31: Garden statuary sale. Sotheby's Sussex. **May 30-June 21:** Drawings and prints by David Jones and Eric Gill. Austin/Desmond. 15a Bloomsbury Square, WC1, (071 242 4443). **May 30-June 30:** "The Pen & the Sword", exhibition, W. R. Harvey, Old Bond Street, W1, (071 499 8385). **May 31-June 10:** Olympia Fine Art & Antiques Fair (071 370 8234).

June 1, 10.30am: Sale of sporting books & prints. Christie's S. Kensington. **June 5, 10.30am 2pm and June 6, 10.30am:** Sale of British folk art and furniture. Sotheby's Sussex. **June 6-July 20:** Victorian paintings and sculpture. Agnew, Old Bond Street, W1, (071 629 6176). **June 6-Aug 10:** New discoveries at the Heim Gallery, Jermyn Street, SW1, (071 493 0688).

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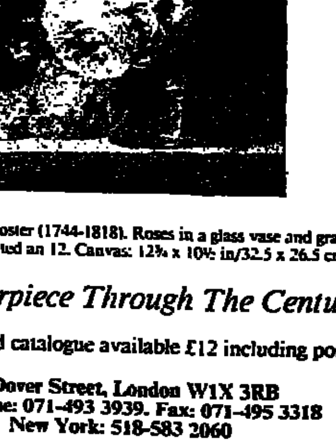

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By Barry Pickthall

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An effort involving two chartered planes, a crane, a mobile hoist and a nine-strong shore team had the British yacht heading back to sea within 1½ hours. They rejoined the race shortly after midnight GMT on Monday in penultimate place, 34 miles ahead of the Italian maxi, Gatorade, which put into Jacksonville on Sunday after breaking a spreader.

Adding salt to the wound, Fisher & Paykel, the yacht Rothmans was challenging when the port D3 diagonal rod supporting the middle section of her mast broke through fatigue two minutes after the crew had tacked onto starboard, was leading the fleet yesterday, 11 miles ahead of her New Zealand rival, Steinlager 2.

Yesterday morning, Rothmans trailed the leaders by 269 miles and faced the added difficulty of breaking out of a high pressure system centred over South Carolina while the two New Zealand yachts strode on under the influence of a windy low pressure system to the north.

The delay would have been a lot longer but for the mammoth logistic exercise mounted to turn Rothmans round so quickly. A chartered Learjet flew the two cobalt replacement rods across from California, a Beechcraft plane flown from Tampa, Florida, was used to transport a heavy cold press to form the ends of the rods, while the yacht's two professional shore crew caught the first available scheduled flight from Fort Lauderdale.

All arrived in Georgetown three hours ahead of the boat where a crane and a mobile hoist were standing by. Onboard the yacht, Neil Cheston worked up the mast from a bosun's chair to release the broken stay during the voyage into port so that the replacement could be connected without delay.

Yesterday, Mike Pavitt, Rothman's project manager, was full of praise for the Riggarna rigging team led by Eric Duchemin, who masterminded the repair and made up other spare rods for the crew to carry as a precaution against the possibility of further rigging failures later during this final, 3,800-mile stage back to Southampton.

Before setting out to sea again, Lawrie Smith suggested that the fatigue failure had been caused during the previous leg, when the yacht remained on starboard tack all the way from Uruguay to Fort Lauderdale.

This setback for the British crew gives Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss yacht, Merit, a more secure hold on third place overall. Yesterday, Merit was holding third place, 233 miles ahead of Rothmans, though as if to underline the fact that breakages could still undermine the position of the leading three, Joe English, the skipper of the fourth-placed Irish maxi, NCB, reported that a runner block supporting their mast had broken suddenly — mercifully without injuring the crew or damaging the yacht's rig.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 10:00 GMT yesterday with miles to Southampton): Maxi division: 1, Fisher & Paykel (G Dalton, NZ), 3,174 miles; 2, Steinlager 2 (P Blake, NZ), 3,185; 3, Merit (P Fehlmann, Switz), 3,200; 4, NCB Ireland (J English, Eire), 3,208; 5, The Card (R Nilson, Swe), 3,210; 6, Belmont Finland (H Harkimo, Fin), 3,212; 7, Fortuna (J Santana, Sp), 3,229; 8, Fazisi (V Alexeev, USSR), 3,234; 9, Charles Jourdan (A Gabbay, Fr), 3,237; 10, Satquote British Defender (Cdr C Watkins, GB), 3,246; 11, UBF Finland (L Ingvall, Fin), 3,251; 12, Liverpool Enterprise (B Salmon, GB), 3,273; 13, Rothmans (L Smith, GB), 3,433; 14, Gatorade (J Herve, It), 3,467. Division 2: 1, Equity & Law (D Nauta, Neth), 3,271. Division 3: 1, Schlussel von Bremen (H Muller-Rohlk, WG), 3,303; 2, Maiden (T Edwards, GB), 3,325; 3, L'Esprit de Liberté (P Tabarly, Fr), 3,335; 4, La Poste (B Malle, Fr), 3,341; 5, Rucanor Sport (B Dubois), 3,345; Cruiser division: 1, Creightons Naturally (J Chittenden, GB), 3,271; 2, With Integrity (A Coghill, GB), 3,370.

● Compiled by British Telecom

All-women crew is hit by tornado

By Barry Pickthall

THE all-woman Maiden crew and two of its rivals competing in the Whitbread Round the World Race were hit by a tornado the day after leaving Fort Lauderdale on the final stage of the race back to Southampton.

In a call to *The Times* yesterday, Tracy Edwards, the skipper of Maiden, said: 'It was quite an experience. We were reaching along quite happily when suddenly everything loose was lifted up and swirled about. It all happened so quickly. Even the boat did a complete 360 [degree] turn and the winds jumped to 50 knots."

No one was injured, but Edwards and her crew did not appreciate what they had been through until the column spiralled towards their rivals on L'Esprit de Liberté and Rucanor Sport.

"It was only then that we saw the height of it," Edwards said. "The other crews saw what happened to us and hurriedly took their genoas down before it hit them."

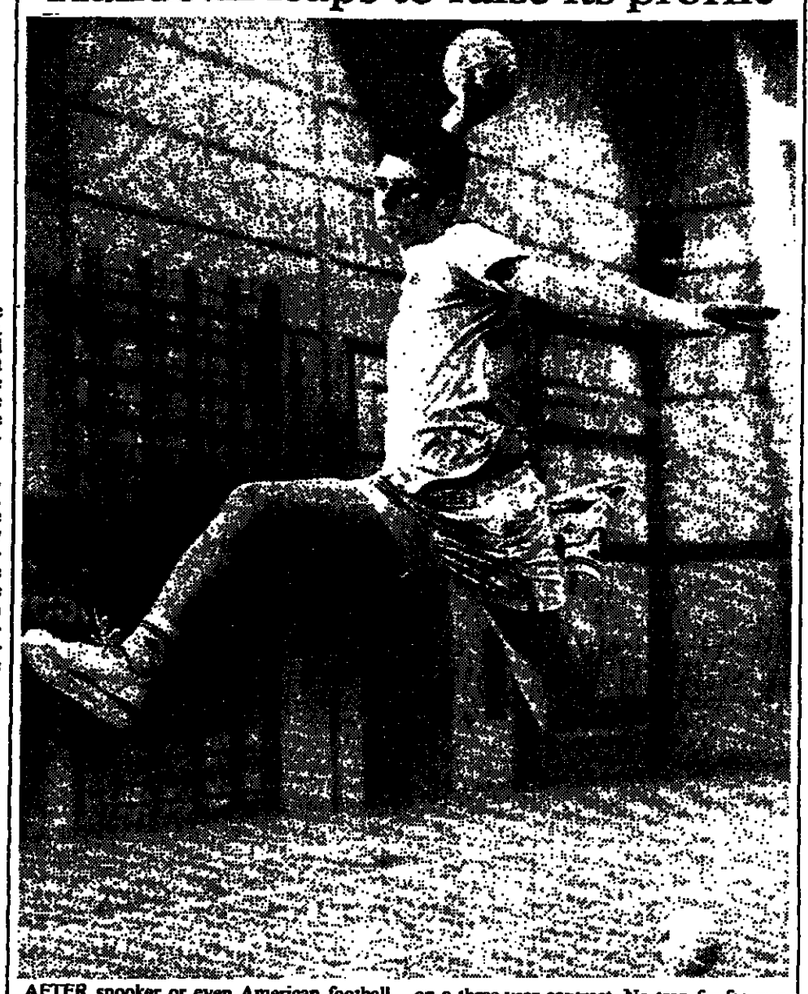
Maiden yesterday moved up to second place in their division, within 22 miles of the leading West German entry, Schlussel von Bremen, which is taking a more easterly course across the Atlantic.

"They took a straight line for Southampton from first light on Sunday and are taking quite a gamble and will have the Azores high pressure system to contend with later," Edwards said.

The British division 3 yacht is taking a more northerly route in an effort to follow the favourable Gulf Stream. "It is proving pretty elusive and very narrow. We have been following Fisher & Paykel's track, but the Stream seems to have moved. The water is quite cold so we are not in at the moment."

However, it appears that the crews on L'Esprit de Liberté and Rucanor Sport agree with Edwards's tactics. "They have pretty much the same idea as us and we have remained in sight of each other until yesterday," she said.

Handball leaps to raise its profile



AFTER snooker or even American football, will handball be the cult television sport of the Nineties? In spite of the presence yesterday of a BBC Sportsround camera at Phillips Sports Centre, Whitefield, Manchester, as two primary school teams battled it out, it does not seem very likely (Peter Ball writes).

But handball is already a big sport in Western Europe and English players are beginning to make an impact. Earlier this season, Mark Keenan left Manchester United to join the German team, Armania Ochtrupp, on a three-year contract. No transfer fee was involved, but, by contrast Barcelona have reputedly just paid the first £1 million fee for a German player.

The launch, yesterday, of a £20,000 NatWest sponsorship, at which the two primary schools were involved, is enabling the British Handball Association to start a Proficiency Award Scheme for schools. A demonstration by members of the Manchester United youth team (including Craig Kent, above) showed it is fun to watch.

TABLE TENNIS

Chen's commitment has its reward

CHEN Xinhua, the former World Cup winner from China, has been voted the player of the year in the Leeds British League after representing Ormesby, the north-eastern club, in every match and remaining unbeaten.

Chen, who began the season with doubts expressed about his motivation, beat the two other leading players in the league, Desmond Douglas and Alan Cooke, in the same match. He ended it with a level of commitment that was probably important in helping him to win the vote at the National Council of the English Table Tennis Association to be considered for selection for this country.

Chen, who is based in Huddersfield, is waiting to hear whether he will obtain a visa in time for his flight on Friday with the England players going to the world team cup in Japan. A request has also been made to the Home Office to regard Chen as a special case and grant him a British passport now.

If he does restart his international career, then Alan Ransome, his club manager, believes great things are possible, even at the age of 30. "I have watched him very carefully in our 14 matches, and everything Chen possessed when he was at his best is still there.

"We have already discussed the possibility of how to prepare a challenge for the men's singles title in the world championships in Japan next year."

EQUESTRIANISM

Windsor officials rewarded with high-quality entry

By Jenny MacArthur

IMPROVED going and the lure of the new £9,000 Henderson grand prix on Sunday afternoon has attracted one of the strongest show-jumping entries of recent years to the Royal Windsor Horse Show, which begins today in its traditional setting in Home Park.

The show, which is sponsored by Albemarle Carriage Museum and Driving Centre, Beneficial Corporation, Harrods and Modern Alarms, has expanded to five days this year to accommodate its extensive show classes more easily.

Under the supervision of the show's director, Joseph Moore, "everything possible" has been done to prevent a repeat of last year, when several leading riders, including Malcolm Pyrah and Graham Fletcher, withdrew because of the hard ground. Long spikes and vibrating harrows have been used on the main arena — which is also the home of the local rugby club. The ground has had a top dressing and has been watered since the third week in April.

David Broome and Michael Whitaker, who helped Britain win the Nations' Cup in Rome last month, head the field. Both have their sights set on Sunday afternoon's grand prix, the first in a series of eight sponsored by Henderson, including the national championships at the Royal Show in July.

Broome is resting Countryman after his heroic exploits in Rome, and will ride Lannegan. Both horses are likely to be in contention for a place in the team for the world championships in Stockholm in July. Whitaker, who is sponsored by Henderson, hopes to ride Gipfelstürmer on Sunday, his new eight-year-old German-bred horse who had impressive wins in Dortmund and in Rome last month.

For Friday evening's Albemarle gentlemen's jumping championship, won last year by Robert Smith, Whitaker will ride Tees Hanauer. His chances of winning are increased by the absence of his older brother, John, who is resting his World Cup winner, Henderson Milton, until the Nations' Cup meeting

Although the ladies' jumping championship on Friday afternoon produced a surprise winner last year in the Norwegian-born Monica Campbell, it is difficult to look beyond Ted Edgar's powerful yard for this year's winner. His wife, Elizabeth, and Emma-Jane Mac are both competing this week.

● The first prize at the Whitbread Badminton Championship was £9,000, not £5,000 as *The Times* reported yesterday.

SCHOOLS CRICKET

Kendall brothers steer Bradfield safely home

By George Chesterton

AT BRADFIELD the Kendall brothers have had a week to remember. James, the captain, made 100 before lunch against Westminster and when joined by his younger brother, William, put on 199 for the second wicket.

James was able to declare on 243 for three and then took three of Westminster's wickets in their total of 91. Two days later the brothers shared in a stand of 173 against Harrow and this time Bradfield declared with a score of 252 for six. Harrow finished with 158 for five.

Brighton have had similar success; in the first round of the Langdale Cup they made 238 for four in their 40 overs, with Gibson contributing 78 and then proceeded to bowl Ardingly out for 116. Against Worth, Brighton declared at 260 for two, Gibson with 54 and Gates with 99 put on 160 for the first wicket, the latter has now made 411 runs in five innings. Worth held on to draw this match with 144 for nine.

In a low-scoring match of great excitement, Clifton defeated Blundell by one wicket. Grose made 47 not out in helping Blundell to 150 and with Clifton at 61 for one looked to have little hope, but Steward accounted for four victims and it was only with No. 11 at the wicket that a boundary was struck to give Clifton victory.

With a very fair declaration Wellington, for whom Wyke made 80, set Winchester 213 to win. Thanks to Poole-Wilson with 74 and Turnhull 65, this figure was reached with the loss of only three wickets. In a week of shattered records it was at Winchester that Edward Palmer, playing for the junior colts against Canford, played himself into history. He made 103 of Winchester's 250 for five and then took 10 wickets for 30 as Canford were bowled out for 56.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Office & Commercial Investments Limited
Registered number: 1527849 Nature of business: Property Ownership & Development. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 27 April 1990 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank PLC.
Christopher Morris
Anthony Raymond Houghton
Nigel Geoffrey Atkinson
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder nos:
2377/1652/1502
Address: 55/57 High Holborn
London WC1V 6DX

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
H Watts Limited
Registered number: 407197. Nature of business: Building Contracting. Trade classification: 23 Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 27 April 1990. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank PLC.
Christopher Morris
Anthony Raymond Houghton
Nigel Geoffrey Atkinson
Joint Administrative Receivers
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Address: 55/57 High Holborn
London WC1V 6DX

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Rush & Tompkins Leisure Limited
Registered number: 1786588. Nature of business: Consultancy & Management Services. Trade classification: 37. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 27 April 1990 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank PLC.
Christopher Morris
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Nigel Geoffrey Atkinson
Joint Administrative Receivers
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2377/1652/1502
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Roads & Runways Limited
Registered number: 407319 Nature of business: Plant Owners & Hirers. Trade classification: 46. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 27 April 1990. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank PLC.
Christopher Morris
Anthony Raymond Houghton
Nigel Geoffrey Atkinson
Joint Administrative Receivers
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Address: 55/57 High Holborn
London WC1V 6DX

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Hoston Developments Limited
Registered number: 2119929. Former company name: Countson Ltd. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 27 April 1990 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers. Lloyds Bank PLC.
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Anthony Raymond Houghton
Nigel Geoffrey Atkinson
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder nos.
2377/1652/1502
Address: 55/57 High Holborn
London WC1V 6DX

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Statiure Limited
Registered number: 2438018 Nature of business Owner of Property. Trade classification: 36. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 27 April 1990 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank PLC.
Christopher Morris
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Nigel Geoffrey Atkinson
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder nos:
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Address: 55/57 High Holborn
London WC1V 6DX

RE: WM SNELTON & SON LTD
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trecial House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ on Thursday the 17th May 1990 at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Trecial House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Tuesday the 15th May 1990.
Dated this 1st day of May 1990
WR Skelton, Director

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Rush & Tompkins Developments Limited
Registered number: 1132457. Nature of business: Development & Investment in property. Trade classification 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 27 April 1990. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank PLC.
Christopher Morris
Anthony Raymond Houghton
Nigel Geoffrey Atkinson
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder nos:
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Address: 55/57 High Holborn
London WC1V 6DX

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Kitback Limited
Registered number: 2142874. Nature of business: Development Venture. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 27 April 1990. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank PLC.
Christopher Morris
Anthony Raymond Houghton
Nigel Geoffrey Atkinson
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder nos:
2377/1652/1502
Address: 55/57 High Holborn
London WC1V 6DX

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Kent & Sussex Contractors Limited
Registered number. 501424. Nature of business: Investment Company. Trade classification: 38. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 27 April 1990. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank PLC.
Christopher Morris
Anthony Raymond Houghton
Nigel Geoffrey Atkinson
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder nos:
2377/1652/1502
Address. 55/57 High Holborn
London WC1V 6DX

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Kirkby Industrial Properties Ltd
Registered number: 936144. Nature of business: Development Venture. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 27 April 1990. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank PLC.
Christopher Morris
Anthony Raymond Houghton
Nigel Geoffrey Atkinson
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder nos:
2377/1652/1502
Address: 55/57 High Holborn
London WC1V 6DX

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Rush & Tompkins (Civil Engineering) Limited
Registered number: 347738. Nature of business: Civil Engineering & Building Contracting. Trade classification: 23 Date of appointment of administrative receivers. 27 April 1990. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank PLC.
Christopher Morris
Anthony Raymond Houghton
Nigel Geoffrey Atkinson
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder nos:
2377/1652/1502
Address. 55/57 High Holborn
London WC1V 6DX

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND IN THE MATTER OF GLASS SOUTH EAST LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN on 14th May 1990 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terence John Roper, FIPA, Jamie Taylor MIPA, of 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2) (b) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 30th day of April 1990
By Order of the Board
P. Chappell, Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
KINGSWOOD ESTATES PLC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 9 Greyfriars Road, Reading, Berks., RG1 1JG, on Friday the 18th day of May 1990 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ during usual business hours on 16 May 1990 and 17 May 1990.
Dated this 26 day of April 1990
By Order of the Board
S.C. Williams, Secretary

To the shareholders of

GN Great Nordic

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held on Monday 28 May 1990 at 3.30 pm at Industriens Hus, H.C. Andersens Boulevard 18, Copenhagen, to transact the following business:

a. To receive and consider the report for the year ended 31 December 1989.

b. To receive and adopt the annual accounts and release the Board of Directors and the Management from liability.

c. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution for the distribution of the profit for the year, including the declaration of a dividend on the shares of the Company.

d. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors to amend the Articles of Association of the Company. The main contents of this resolution are as follows:

THAT the authority of the Directors of the Company to increase the share capital be renewed for the period from the date of the passing of this resolution and until 28 May 1995.

THAT notices of the generel meetings of the Company be published in Agefi in Paris instead of in Journal Official.

THAT the right to vote be conditional upon registration in the register of shareholders maintained by the Company, and that shareholders who have acquired their shares by transfer be on the register not later than three months prior to the General Meeting to be entitled to vote at this meeting.

THAT any questions relating to voting procedure be settled by the Chairman alone.

e. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors to transfer an amount of DKK 293,517,000 from the contingency reserve fund of the Company to the other reserves of the Company.

f. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by a member that severance payment of not less than DKK 100,000, depending on length of service, be provided to every employee made redundant by the GN Great Nordic Group between 1987 and 1990 and that a social fund be established to meet future difficult and momentous decisions.

g. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by a member that the Directors of the Company instruct the Company's representatives on the board of directors of GN Great Nordic Holding Ltd.

TO convene an extraordinary general meeting of GN Great Nordic Holding Ltd.,

TO instruct the chairman of the general meeting of GN Great Nordic Holding Ltd. to interpret the articles of association of the company in such a manner that two thirds of the voting share capital represented at the general meeting may pass a resolution to amend Articles 15, 16 and 17, and

TO arrange for the inclusion in the agenda for the general meeting of GN Great Nordic Holding Ltd. a motion to delete subarticle 3 of Article 9, and Articles 15 and 16 and to amend subarticles 1 and 2 of Article 17.

h. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors that the Company be entitled to acquire up to 10 per cent of its own shares.

i. To elect the Directors of the Company.

j. To appoint two auditors for the current financial year.

For the passing of the resolution set out under item d. on the agenda, it is required under Article 18 of the Articles of Association that not less than one quarter of the share capital be represented at the General Meeting and that the resolution be approved by not less than two thirds of the votes cast and two thirds of the voting share capital represented at the General Meeting. In the event that the required percentage of the share capital is not represented, but where the resolution has been approved by the above-mentioned qualified majority of votes, the resolution may, however, be finally passed at a new general meeting convened for the transaction of this business by the said qualified majority, irrespective of the percentage of the share capital represented at the general meeting.

From Friday 18 May 1990 the agenda and the full and complete resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting, as well as the annual accounts and consolidated accounts provided with the Auditors' Report and the Directors' Report will be available for inspection by the shareholders at the Company's office at Kongens Nytorv 26, second floor, as well as in London and Paris, and not later than eight days prior to the General Meeting the said material will be posted to any shareholder on the Company's register to the address stated to the Company.

Admission cards will be available from the Company's office on all weekdays (excluding Saturdays) between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm until five days prior to the General Meeting upon presentation of an original statement of account issued by the account-holding bank, dated 16 May 1990.

Copenhagen, May 1990
The Board of Directors

Law Report May 9 1990 Chancery Division

Later tax case overrides earlier

Moodie v Inland Revenue Commissioners
Sotnick v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Before Mr Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment May 4]

A tax avoidance scheme sanctioned by the decision of the House of Lords in *Inland Revenue Commissioners v Plummer* ([1980] AC 896) was struck down by the anti-avoidance principles thereafter laid down by the House in *W. T. Ramsay Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners* ([1982] AC 300).

Taxpayers could no longer benefit from participating in the self-cancelling scheme, or variations of it, because the artificial manufacture of a series of "payments" was not "any annuity or other annual payment" within the meaning of section 52 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (Payments out of profits or gains brought into charge to income tax).

Mr Justice Hoffmann so held in the Chancery Division dismissing appeals by way of cases stated by two taxpayers, Mr Oliver Moodie and Mr Richard Sotnick, from determinations of special commissioners dismissing their appeals against various assessments to surtax and income tax for years from 1970 to 1977.

During the 1970s the taxpayers, together with others, participated in tax-saving schemes being marketed at the time by S. Cardale & Co Ltd. The schemes, known as the Cardale Capital Income Plan — Mark I and Mark II, were similar to that under consideration by the House of Lords in *Plummer* and which was held to succeed in its purpose.

In summary the schemes provided for a registered charity to purchase an annuity from a participating taxpayer in consideration for a capital sum.

The taxpayer was thereafter to make five "annual payments" to the charity. The charity was to recover the tax deducted from the Revenue and the taxpayer would, relying on the provisions of section 52 of the 1970 Act, be able to deduct the amounts of the payments from his income for tax purposes.

Out of the sums received by a taxpayer from the charity promissory notes were purchased and deposited with the charity as security and out of which the "annual payments" were made.

Mr Andrew Thornhill, QC and Mr Kevin Prosser for the taxpayers; Mr Jonathan Parker, QC and Mr Peter Cranfield for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE HOFFMANN said that the appeals raised the question whether a tax avoidance scheme which survived a challenge by the Crown in the *Plummer* case had been brought down by the principle evolved in *Ramsay*.

Did the scheme, when working as intended, involve the payment of an "annuity or other annual payment" within the meaning of section 52?

The commissioners decided that tested by the *Ramsay* principle they did not. His Lordship said that he agreed.

In *Ramsay* there was, as Lord Oliver of Aylmerton had explained in *Craven v White* ([1989] AC 398, 504): "the artificial manufacture of what was intended to be an allowable loss in such a way that the taxpayer suffered no loss at all because, by another integrated and pre-planned transaction, the artificially contrived loss was balanced by a non-chargeable gain".

Such a loss was held not to be a loss withing the meaning of the statute. Similarly in this case, there had been the artificial manufacture of a series of payments under a purported annuity which had been deprived of the essential characteristic of an annuity in the real world because, by other integrated and pre-planned transactions, the annual payments were on each occasion precisely cancelled by a release of capital to the taxpayer.

Mr Thornhill submitted that the court was precluded from reaching that conclusion because in the *Plummer* case the House of Lords decided that payments under the Mark I scheme did fall within section 52. In the *Ramsay* case and subsequently in *Craven v White*, the *Plummer* case was mentioned without any suggestion that it had been wrongly decided.

But, his Lordship said, even a decision of the House of Lords was authority only for the question it actually decided. In *Plummer* the argument for the Crown was, first that payments were not an annuity because they were of a capital nature and second, that they had not been paid "wholly out of profits or gains" as section 52 required.

Both arguments had been rejected. The argument for the payments being capital had been simply that they had been paid out of the capital sum which the taxpayer had received for the annuity.

The *Plummer* case decided only that the payments were not on that account deprived of the character of being an "annuity or other annual payment".

Although it was clear from the dissenting speech of Viscount Dilhorne there (see pp921-923) that the self-cancelling nature of the scheme was appreciated by the House, no argument was based on the *Ramsay* principle, which had not by then emerged.

Plummer could not be authority for the proposition that the *Ramsay* principle did not apply to this scheme when the House had never directed its mind to whether it did or not.

The scheme has been struck down by the *Ramsay* principle. The special commissioners were right and the appeals had to be dismissed.

Solicitors: Berwin Leighton; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Defendant's age can affect legality of sentence

Regina v Steed

Before Lord Justice Neill, Mr Justice Waterhouse and Mr Justice Swinton Thomas

[Judgment May 4]

The question whether a defendant had attained the age of 21 was an important matter which might affect the legality of the sentence imposed on him. Accordingly, if there was any real doubt about the answer, it would usually be right for the matter to be adjourned so that detailed inquiries could be made and it could be satisfactorily determined.

However, by reason of the provisions of section 1(6) of the Criminal Justice Act 1982, the age of a defendant would be deemed to be that which it appeared to the court to be, after considering any available evidence, and therefore a suspended sentence of imprisonment imposed by a judge on the basis that the defendant was, as he alleged, 21 remained valid even though in fact the defendant was aged only 20 at the time.

The Court of Appeal so held when considering a reference under section 17(1)(a) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 and confirming a total sentence of nine months imprisonment suspended for 18 months imposed on Gareth Steed on September 30, 1988 in Cardiff Crown Court by Judge Prosser, QC, following pleas of guilty to conspiracy to steal and theft.

Mr Michael Nicholson, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Gregory Bull for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that section 1(6) of the 1982 Act reproduced section 39(3) of the Criminal Justice Act 1961, which was considered in *R v Farndale* ((1974) 58 Cr App R 336), in which a sentence on a defendant subsequently found to be under 21 was held to remain valid.

The police record of that defendant's antecedents, which he did not dispute at the trial, had indicated that he had already attained the age of 21.

Those facts differed from the present case, where the antecedents indicated that the defendant was only 20, as did some documents in which he had applied for legal aid, but at trial, through his counsel, he had asserted that he was 21.

In such circumstances it might often, indeed usually be right to adjourn for detailed inquiries to be made.

However, on the evidence before the court on this occasion it was open to the judge to conclude that the defendant was 21, so that the sentence he imposed was lawful.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Newport and Gwent.

Punishment for breach of order

Miller v Juby

Conduct constituting a criminal offence committed in breach of a court order was in a special category of case and was to be met with condign punishment

Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, so stated, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Lord Justice Russell on May 8, dismissing an appeal by Michael John Juby from the order of Judge Coulson in Leicester County Court committing him to prison for 16 months in respect of two assaults on Janet Miller in breach of a non-molestation order.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that reference had been made to the disparity between the judge's sentence of 16 months and a suspended sentence of one month imposed by magistrates for assault on Miss Miller before the non-molestation order had been made.

Accepting that there was a difference between a criminal offence committed against a person not subject to the protection of the court, his Lordship emphasized that it could not be too widely known that the court regarded as being in a wholly special category cases where people committed criminal offences against citizens who were protected by its orders. Such conduct was wholly unacceptable and had to be met with condign punishment.

His Lordship added that the committal order as drawn by Leicester County Court left much to be desired. It failed to record the date or the number of the incidents on which the allegations of contempt were based and in setting out the findings of fact made by the judge it had included a matter which the judge expressly found had not occurred.

There had, however, been no injustice. The contemnor had been present when the judge had given judgment expressly stating his findings. But it was not the way orders of such seriousness should be drawn up and his Lordship hoped that greater care would be taken in future.

GOLF

Spanish dynasty is safe in the skilful hands of Olazábal

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

THE adage of there being no substitute for hard work is why Severiano Ballesteros is confident that his compatriot, José-Maria Olazábal, can become the next Spanish winner of the Open Championship.

Olazábal followed his victory in the Benson and Hedges International at St Mellion on Monday by revealing that nothing would give him more pleasure than to win the Open, especially this July, when it is at St Andrews.

Ballesteros, who won the Open in 1979, 1984 and 1988, said: "I cannot tell how many titles José-Maria will win or if, one day, he will be the No. 1 golfer in the world. Only God knows this.

"But I do know that he wants to be as good as it is humanly possible to be, and that he knows this means working all the time. There is no other way."

Olazábal, aged 24, is two years older than Ballesteros was when, in 1979, at 22 years and 103 days, he became the youngest winner of the Open this century.

"I think José-Maria will win a major championship very soon, and I would expect it to be the Open," Ballesteros said. "His game is more suited to Open venues than it is to American courses because he hits the ball on a low trajectory.

"That does not mean he will not win in America, for what José-Maria has is the desire not simply to work on his game but to keep working on it. That is the key and it is why he is always willing to listen to others.

"Older players helped me when I was young. It is nice to know that José-Maria is grateful for the advice which I and others have given him.

"But it does not end there. Some players are very good when they are young but they then stop learning. That is not the case with José-Maria. His progress is impressive. Each year, he has become a stronger, steadier golfer."

Olazábal was born near the small Basque village of Fuenterrabia and, more important, little more than a wedge away from the clubhouse at Royal San Sebastián.

It was on that course, at the age of 20 months, he first swished at a golf ball. His father was the greenkeeper; his mother worked in the clubhouse.

By the age of seven, Txema [pronounced Chemma, the Spanish diminutive for José-Maria] had eyes only for golf. At that age, he won the under-nines section of the national infantile championship, and from there his star moved into the ascendancy.

Olazábal is an introvert and it is rare for him to show emotion — as he did at St Mellion by repeatedly punching the air when he sank the putt that provided him with his first win on British soil.

He still cringes when he sees the video of himself cha cha-ing at the presentation ceremony following Europe's successful retention of the Johnnie Walker Ryder Cup at Muirfield Village in 1987.

There is not an ounce of malice in him, although the desire to win caused him to be reprimanded for an incident in the British Boys' championship. He stood less than one yard from his opponent in order to place pressure on him.

Olazábal insisted he did not realize he was flouting the laws of etiquette; Manuel Beamonte, the Spanish captain, left him in no doubt he was.

It was part of the learning progress. He won the British Boys, British Youths and the Amateur Championship to complete the "triple crown" before launching his professional career by winning the PGA European Tour qualifying school in November 1985.

He would have made a sensational start in 1986, when he won twice, had it not been for Ballesteros. Only his compatriot finished ahead of him in the Volvo Order of Merit.

In 1987, he fell back to seventeenth when his lack of length off the tee caused some professionals to doubt whether he could truly expect to follow in the footsteps of Ballesteros.

Olazábal is now longer — he ranked 23rd in the driving distance category in the Philips statistics last year — and there is no need to question his accuracy, as he proved at St Mellion.

There is also no need to question his nerve despite the two wayward four-iron shots whichm gave Ian Woosnam a modicum of hope.

Olazábal holed the winning six-foot putt with the same confidence he did a 10-foot putt during the Ryder Cup at Muirfield Village — to retrieve the situation following an error by Ballesteros. I suspect he would not fail from a similar length for the Open in July.

Ballesteros, however, is not quite ready to stand aside to allow Olazábal to assume the star role. "It is possible that, one day, José-Maria will succeed me in the eyes of the public," he said. "That would be nice. A kind of Spanish dynasty, if you like.But I don't think it will be for a while because I intend to go on for a few more years. I am playing badly at the moment but this happens and it will soon change. That bit is up to me. It is a question of working at the game. It always is."

Cecil's classic contender has to work hard for Chester Vase success

Sheikh Mohammed's Belmez (Steve Cauthen) gallops to a length success over Quest For Fame (Pat Eddery) in the Dalham Chester Vase

Belmez offers few clues

By Michael Seely
Racing Correspondent

THE great Derby puzzle still remained virtually insolvable after Belmez had struggled home to a hard-fought length win over Quest For Fame in yesterday's Dalham Chester Vase.

After Henry Cecil's El Gran Senor colt had given a workmanlike performance in rain softened gournd, Belmez remained second favourite at 8-1 for the Derby with most firms of bookmakers.

"He wasn't doing much in behind, but quickened up well," said the trainer, "then he thought he'd done enough. He seemed ill at ease round the bends and became unbalanced. As far as the Derby is concerned, we've still got some thinking to do."

Willie Carson made the early running on Missionary Ridge, the outsider of the three runners. But no sooner had Pat Eddery kicked for home on Quest For Fame entering the last furlong, than Steve Cauthen pounced on the winner. Missionary Ridge weakened to finish 10 lengths away third, having previously been beaten 6½ lengths when fourth behind Defensive Play at Sandown.

In the past 11 years Chester's historic trial has fallen to colts of the calibre of Henbit, Shergar, Law Society and Old Vic. Belmez may not be in that category, but in an open year it would be unwise to dismiss his chance out of hand.

Cecil has two other possible Derby runners in Great Heights and Shavian. The first of these two takes on Defensive Play and Rock Hopper in Saturday's Lingfield Derby Trial. Shavian is to wait for Goodwood's Predominate Stakes.

Roger Charlton was delighted with the running of Quest For Fame. "Pat said that the winner wouldn't beat us again," said the trainer, "he just didn't like the soft ground. He's in all the derbys but we'll have to see how the cards fall."

The situation is complicated because Quest For Fame is owned by Khaled Abdulla, as are Digression, Defensive Play, and also Marquetry. In this confused situation most bookmakers now have Digression as their favourite at prices varying between 6-1 and 8-1.

Guy Harwood's colt has not been seen in public this year. He was winter favourite after winning last September's Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot and was recently restored to his former position after the disappointing run by Sasaki at Ascot last week.

Talking about the Derby betting, Mike Dillon of Ladbroke's said: "Digression now holds the whole key to the race. He's the only horse that's been backed recently.

"Digression is now likely to make his reappearance in the Predominate. Speaking from Pulborough, Guy Harwood said: "Digression's in great shape, but I want a little more time with him. He's unlikely to go to York for next week's William Hill Dante and I'll probably run him at Goodwood. Marquetry will run at York."

Other likely runners in York's group two trial are Snurge and Laxey Bay.

Ladbrokes bet as follows for the Derby: 6-1 Digression, 8-1 Belmez, 14-1 Anshan, 16-1 Mukddaam and Defensive Play.

Hills, disappointed with Missionary Ridge, had earlier struck a blow for Manton when Eddery had driven Regimental Arms to a length win over Ghzaalh in the Grosvenor Stakes. "We'll give him one more run before the King Edward VII Stakes at Ascot," said the trainer. "And all going well he could run in the Irish Derby."

Yesterday's winner is owned in partnership by Robert Sangster and Gordon White. Hills added that Silk Slippers had an infected foot and would miss her engagement in next week's Musidora Stakes at York.

The punters had started the afternoon disasterously when the 6-5 favourite, Vintage Only, could only finish fourth behind It's All Academic in the Lily Agnes Stakes.

This was John Carroll's second win since breaking his collar bone at Newcastle at Easter. He resumed at Ripon last Monday, but judged he had started too soon and then waited until resuming at Warwick on Monday.

The energetic Jack Berry has now had 17 winners and 33 seconds this season, he numbers 72 two-year-olds among the 101 horses he trains in Lancashire.

Not only does the trainer go racing virtually every day, he is also writing a book in long hand that is three parts completed.

"This is the best crop of two-year-olds I've ever had," said the trainer. "But we've been waiting for some give in the ground. It's All Academic could well go for the Queen Mary at Ascot.

In the Tote Credit Trophy, Gary Hind, who had an unpleasant looking fall at Warwick Monday afternoon, showed himself to be none the worse for his experience when persuading Hackforth to sprint home for his third successive victory for Brook Holliday and James Bethell.

In the concluding Prince Of Wales's Handicap, Lynda Ramsdan's Fiddling finished strongly to be beaten a neck by Anytime Anywhere and this afternoon I am napping Travelling Light to make amends to the stable by winning the Ladbroke Chester Cup.

Third in last year's Cesarawitch the four-year-old is presently at his peak. Now that the rain has come to ease the going, Travelling Light looks handicapped to beat Drumhead and Lucky Verdict.

O'Hara injured

LIAM O'Hara, one of the north's leading conditional jump jockeys, will not ride again this season. O'Hara, who is attached to the Greystoke stable of Gordon Richards and has ridden 10 winners this term, broke his right collar-bone when falling off What If at Southwell on Monday.

Blinkered first time

SALISBURY: 2.0 Land Sun. 4.30 Hercules.

Fanshawe registers first winner

JAMES Fanshawe, a former assistant to champion trainer Michael Stoute, gained his first winner since beginning training in his own right when Black Sapphire won at Salisbury yesterday.

Fanshawe, aged 28, has a team of 38 in his care at Pegasus Stables, the Newmarket yard formerly occupied by the now retired Patrick Haslam.

Black Sapphire, ridden by Stoute's stable jockey, Walter Swinburn, landed the Wincanton Stakes by three lengths from Hypnotist with Allez Milady, the 6-5 on favourite, another length away third.

"That's a relief," Fanshawe said. "I thought the footballer would be in double figures before I managed to get off the mark." He was referring to fellow first-season trainer and friend Mike Channon, who has made a fine start with five winners from his base in Lambourn.

Swinburn's earlier win on Possessive Lady was a family affair. The filly races in the colours of the jockey's mother, Doreen, and was bred by his father, Wally.

"That will keep mother happy," said Swinburn, who took Possessive Lady to the front with a furlong to go and then easily drew clear on Alex Scott's charge to win the Redenham Claiming Stakes by five lengths.

Swinburn senior purchased Possessive Lady's dam, Possessive, when she was carrying this filly, and she is now in foal to Michael Stoute's 1985 2,000 Guineas winner, Shadeed, at the Three Chimneys Stud in the United States.

The East Everleigh trainer Richard Hannon, who splashed out £1,400 on a champagne party for his staff to celebrate Tirol's 2,000 Guineas triumph on Saturday, recouped some of that outlay when Sulastar won in good style.

The 9-4 joint-favourite led just over a furlong from home in the Eddie Reavey Maiden Auction Stakes and went on to beat Village Pet easily by 2½ lengths.

"I nearly took the colt out of the race this morning because of the firm ground here, but the lad who looks after him at home convinced me he would be okay on it," Hannon said.

John Hill, whose new 40-box American-style yard near Barnstaple will be completed in six weeks, has an improving filly in Gratclo, who overcame all sorts of trouble before gaining a narrow victory the Durnford Handicap.

Gratclo was slowly away, and John Reid had to weave his way through the pack. The all-important gap came just inside the final furlong, and accelerating well, the filly caught La Belle Vie close home

Results from yesterday's three afternoon meetings

Chester

Going: good

2.15 (5f) 1, IT'S ALL ACADEMIC (J Carroll, 4-1); 2, Gone Savage (T Quinn, 100-30); 3, Sir Tasker (Pat Eddery, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Vintage Only (4th), 33 Prince Of Ireland (5th), Miss El Arab (6th). 6 ran. ¾l, 6l, 2½l, 10l, hd. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £3.40; £1.80, £1.60. DF: £5.20. CSF: £15.78. 1min 02.50sec.

2.45 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, REGIMENTAL ARMS (Pat Eddery, 6-4 fav); 2, Ghzaalh (W Carson, 6-1); 3, Baylis (L Dettori, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Jamin, 15-2 Ambrose (5th), 12 Res Ipsa Loquitur (6th), 20 Postage Stamp (4th), 33 Head Of Affairs, Tarda, 50 One For The Boys, Storm Jib. 11 ran. 1¼l, 7l, ¾l, nk, 12l. B Hills at Manton. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £8.00. CSF: £10.47. 2min 16.56sec.

3.15 (1m 4f 65yd) 1, BELMEZ (S Cauthen, 8-13 fav); 2, Quest For Fame (Pat Eddery, 100-30); 3, Missionary Ridge (W Carson, 4-1). 3 ran. 1l, 10l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.40. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.54. 2min 41.42sec.

3.45 (7f 122yd) 1, HACKFORTH (G Hind, 15-2); 2, Wasel Port (S Cauthen, 9-2 fav); 3, Ottergayle (Pat Eddery, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 5 True Dividend, 11-2 Nayland (5th), 9 Fedoria, 10 Hard To Figure, 14 Sno Serenade, Overpower, 20 Breezed Well (6th), Atall Atall, 25 Henry Will, 33 Marcroft (4th), Solomon's Song, Eastern Ember. 15 ran. ½l, 3l, 1½l, ½l, nk. J Bethell at Didcot. Tote: £7.80; £2.30, £2.50, £3.80. DF: £15.60. CSF: £39.27. Tricast: £340.05. 1min 55.51sec.

4.15 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, ADMIRALTY WAY (J Fortune, 20-1); 2, Phenan (J Lowe, 20-1); 3, Aljarih (R Hills, 14-1); 4, Cambo (Pat Eddery, 17-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Pandy, 11-2 Fire Top, 13-2 Ivory Way, 10 Terminator, 12 Royalist, 14 Rapporteur, 16 Jadeite, Birstwith, 20 Northants (5th), Choral Sundown, Lily's Lover, No More The Fool (6th), 33 Persian Emperor. 17 ran. 2½l, 2l, 1½l, nk, 2l. M O'Neill at Lydiate. Tote: £28.60; £4.30, £4.70, £4.90, £2.90. DF: £279.40. CSF: £346.75. Tricast: £5,156.24. 2min 15.51sec.

4.45 (5f) 1, ANYTIME ANYWHERE (J Lowe, 14-1); 2, Fiddling (L Dettori, 3-1 fav); 3, Ankara's Princess (S Perks, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Rivers Rhapsody (4th), 13-2 Lyndseylee, 8 Wanda, 9 Dream Talk, 10 Brisas, 11 Granitton Bay (5th), 12 Final Shot, 20 Yonge Tender (6th), 25 Swing North, 33 Urlan. 13 ran. NR: Royal Warrant. Nk, ¾l, nk, 1½l, 2½l. Mrs G Reveley at Malton. Tote: £11.20; £2.60, £1.90, £2.40. DF: £31.90. CSF: £57.61. Tricast: £389.80. 1min 02.86sec.

Jackpot: Not won (pool of £5,735.85 carried forward to Chester today) Placepot: £190.70.

Salisbury

Going: firm

2.0 (5f) 1, SULASTAR (B Rouse, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Village Pet (T Williams, 100-30); 3, Jeans Valentine (R Fox, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 jt-fav Meritsu (5th), 20 Fay's Dancer (4th), 25 Red Roger (6th), 33 Pilar. 7 ran. 2½, 2l, nk, ½l, 10l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £1.80. DF: £4.20. CSF: £9.33. 1min 02.07sec.

2.30 (7f) 1, GRATCLO (J Reid, 5-1 fav); 2, La Belle Vie (B Rouse, 12-1); 3, Letsbeonestaboutit (N Adams, 7-1); 4, Sky Cloud (N Howe, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Amethystine (5th), 8 Sleepline Fantasy (6th), 10 Looting, Jole De Rose, 12 Priestgate, New Chandelier, 16 Chase The Door, Mister Lawson, Sarum, TL Quarter Pint, Bashaq, 25 Ballarock, Royal Bear. 17 ran. NR: Crosby. ½l, ½l, 1½l, ½l, 4l. C Hill at Barnstaple. Tote: £5.80; £1.80, £3.00, £1.70, £3.00. DF: £98.70. CSF: £67.65. Tricast: £406.79. 1min 27.51sec.

3.0 (1m) 1, POSSESSIVE LADY (W R Swinburn, 5-2 fav); 2, Dazzlingly Radiant (B Rouse, 6-1); 3, Standing Room Only (C Rutter, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Bounder Rowe, 5 Mexican Vision (4th), 8 Dancers Wager, 12 Claysuumar (5th), Copper Top, 14 Modern British (6th), 16 Zulu Dancer, Cadeau D'Aragon, 20 Allsorts, Henri Le Comte. 13 ran. 5l, 3l, 2l, sh hd, nk. A Scott at Newmarket. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £2.50, £2.30. DF: £7.80. CSF: £20.92. 1min 42.60sec.

3.30 (1m 6f) 1, GOLDBUSTER (R Cochrane, 13-8 fav); 2, Nikitas (W Newnes, 10-1); 3, Rushluan (C Rutter, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Amelianne (4th), 7 Daily Sport Soon (5th), 15-2 Xhai (6th), 14 Altobelli. 7 ran. 4l, 3l, 1½l, 12l, 10l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £2.20; £1.60, £4.40. DF: £13.60. CSF: £16.28. 2m 59.60sec.

4.0 (1m 2f) 1, BLACK SAPPHIRE (W R Swinburn, 11-2); 2, Hypnotist (W Newnes, 12-1); 3, Allez Milady (R Cochrane, 5-6 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Donna Veneziana (4th), 14 Verro, 25 Derwent Waters (5th), Kniphofia, 33 Nicholas Payne (6th), Sungrove's Best, You Jest. 10 ran. 3l, 1l, 3l, 2l, 6l. J Fanshawe at Newmarket. Tote: £4.90; £1.70, £1.70, £1.20. DF: £27.10. CSF: £65.06.

4.30 (1m) 1, SANAWI (B Rouse, 7-1); 2, Hard Sell (R Perham, 6-4 fav); 2, Lady Bunting (B Marcus, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Beaujolais Nouveau (4th), 9 Martinstar (5th), 11 Go Pathfinder (6th), 12 Tyrian, 16 Dorset Delight, 20 Shocking Affair, Lizzy Cantle, 25 Freddie's Star, Cherokee Maid. 12 ran. 1½l, 4l, nk, 2l, hd. C Benstead at Epsom. Tote: £7.10; £2.30, £1.10, £2.40. DF: £5.60. CSF: £17.50. Tricast: £99.27. 1min 43.58sec.

Placepot: £11.70.

Chepstow

Going: firm

2.0 (3m ch) 1, Bizage Motors (M Pitman, 4-6 fav); 2, Montgomery (7-4) (Only two finished). 3 ran. NR: Flaxen King. 1½l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.03.

2.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Court Appeal (M Jones, 9-4); 2, Tri Folene (40-85 fav); 3, Tram Robber (50-1). 4 ran. NR: Bonnie Dundee. 3l, 15l. C Popham. Tote: £2.70. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.67.

3.0 (2m ch) 1, Panto Prince (B Powell, 8-13 fav); 2, Wingspan (6-4). 2 ran. 2½l. C Popham. Tote: win £1.50 .

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, Sleepline Royale (N Mann, 11-2); 2, Thats Nice (11-2); 3, Jazetas (7-1). Fortlimon 11-10 fav. 11 ran. NR: Tiger Line. Sh hd, 2l. R Holder. Tote: £7.90; £2.10, £2.00, £2.90. DF: £11.30. CSF: £37.98.

4.0 (3m ch) 1, Late Session (Mr A Farrant, 2-5 fav); 2, Tom Penny (7-4). 2 ran. NR: Tumble Time. 25l. R Savery. Tote: £1.40.

4.30 (3m hdle) 1, Lupisfle (G McCourt, 9-2); 2, Lady Westown (7-2 fav); 3, Chuckiestone (6-1). 9 ran. NR: Captain Ahab. Nk, 8l. R Hodges. Tote: £4.70; £1.70, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £10.50. CSF: £20.24. Tricast: £88.03.

Placepot: £24.80

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HOCKEY

Pereira the threat to English hopes

From Joyce Whitehead, Sydney

ENGLAND meet Australia, the group favourites, here today with a place in the semi-finals of the women's World Cup at stake. Both sides will know what is required to progress from pool A as West Germany, the third side in contention for the two qualifying positions, meet Argentina in an earlier match.

In spite of failing twice with penalty strokes against a goalkeeper now famous for her defence in these situations, Australia beat Japan 2-0 yesterday, both goals coming from Jacquie Pereira, the tournament's leading scorer, which brought them level with England on seven points.

If the Germans should lose to Argentina at lunch time, then England and Australia can relax as both will be through. But a win for Germany is thought to be more likely and then the result of the England-Australia match will be vital. A draw will put all three on eight points and then goal difference will come into the calculations.

South Korea, the Olympic silver medal winners, finished their programme in pool B in the grand manner by winning 9-0 against the United States, a late entry when the Soviet Union withdrew. The score would have been even higher but for some fine saves by the reserve goalkeeper, Donna Lee. This result ensured a semi-final place for the Koreans, although Netherlands will still top the group if they beat Canada today.

Korea have scored 17 goals in five games and conceded only one, to New Zealand, who beat them in the second match.

"I'm confident for the semi-finals," their team manager, Park Young Jo, said.

China also had a good day. They beat Argentina 2-0, which gave them their first points. Their second goal was a copybook affair. Chen Jianbin collected the ball in midfield, avoided two defenders, drew the goalkeeper and placed the ball in the net. Argentina could not get anything quite right but the result was a great tonic for the Chinese party.

The last match of the afternoon, in which New Zealand drew 1-1 with Spain, had a hectic conclusion. In the last minute Spain twice got the ball into the net but neither effort counted.

The All Blacks had tremendous support and rewarded their followers with a third minute goal from Tina Bell. But Angeles Rodrigues soon equalized and there the scoring ended.

RESULTS: Pool A: Australia 2, Japan 0; China 2, Argentina 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	4	3	1	0	8	2	7
England	4	3	1	0	4	0	7
West Germany	4	2	1	1	6	3	5
Argentina	4	0	2	2	1	4	2
China	4	1	0	3	3	8	2
Japan	4	0	1	3	0	5	1

Pool B: South Korea 9, United States 0; New Zealand 1, Spain 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Korea	5	3	1	1	17	1	7
Netherlands	4	3	1	0	9	0	7
New Zealand	5	2	1	2	8	6	5
Spain	5	2	1	2	7	12	5
Canada	4	1	1	2	2	5	3
United States	5	0	1	4	3	22	1

TODAY'S FIXTURES: Pool A: China v Japan; West Germany v Argentina; Australia v England. Pool B: Canada v Netherlands.

ROWING

Scullers in chase for boat prize

By Michael Rosewell

THE trustees of the Rowing Foundation announced yesterday that it would present an annual prize of a sculling boat to the winner of the junior men's sculls at the national championships from 1990 to 1994. The prize is to be built to the specification of the winner, and will be linked with the name of Graham Rickett.

Rickett, who died last December, was a life-long supporter of rowing, a Henley steward and a past president of Leander. The presentation has been made possible by the generosity of his widow, Pamela.

The Rowing Foundation is a registered charity, set up by the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA). Its purpose is to provide opportunities for the young to take up water sports, and the trustees make a number of annual grants to rowing clubs for the purchase of equipment and the improvement of premises.

The trustees hope the prize will not only benefit one outstanding sculler a year but also make the foundation's work better known to clubs. They also hope it will encourage supporters of rowing to contribute to the foundation's fund.

The sculling boat will be built by a British builder of the winner's choice, and the rules governing the prize have been approved by the ARA.

They are worded to ensure that, by winning a boat of substantial value, the recipient does not put his amateur status at risk.

BOXING

Lewis has his sights set on early finish

LENNOX Lewis, Britain's exciting new heavyweight, should make it 10 out of 10 at the Albert Hall tonight (Srikumar Sen writes).

Lewis is meeting an Argentinian, Jorge Dascola, a late substitute for Lionel Washington. Dascola has won 15 of his 18 contests and once went 11 rounds with Michael Dokes, a former world champion.

All of Lewis's nine contests have ended inside the distance and Dascola, too, should be taking an early walk back to his dressing-room. One of Lewis's sparring partners also left early. He should have stayed three weeks but lasted only four days.

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Laing looking at world title

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

KIRKLAND Laing gets his chance to return to the world rankings tonight when he challenges Antoine Fernandez, of France, for the European welterweight title at Wembley Grand Hall. Fernandez is ranked fourth in the world and a win could place Laing in a strong position to challenge for the world crown.

"It is the biggest fight of his career," Denny Mancini, Laing's trainer, said yesterday. "If he wins, he could fight Marlon Starling or Simon Brown."

Since there is no such thing as a last chance in the career of the eccentric 35-year-old genius, one can never be certain that Laing will take the same view of the bout as Mancini.

It is just as well that Laing, who has beaten the legend, Roberto Duran, but was knocked out by plain old Buck Smith, faces a tough, no-nonsense boxer in Fernandez. Mancini is hoping that the Frenchman will pressure Laing throughout, thus forcing him to keep his mind on his work.

He lost his concentration against Smith. He was beating the American so easily for six rounds that he had become bored and started talking to the crowd when Smith let fly.

Laing thinks he will stop Fernandez but Mancini has warned his man not to take him lightly. "You can't dismiss Fernandez," Mancini said. "After all, he's the champion, he's been beaten only once in 40 fights and he he didn't mind coming here to defend.

"These Frenchmen may seem to plod along but they have a way of staying in the fight."

Fernandez is technically limited but strong and aggressive. Though Laing's opponents have been of better quality, the champion has a win over Nino La Rocca, of Italy, who outpointed Laing in a European championship match.

Though Laing has been told to be prepared to go the distance, a stoppage win is not ruled out. Mancini said: "One significant thing I noticed was that Fernandez's nose has been knocked about.

"That could mean he is easy to hit and Laing could tee off on him and bust him up. He'll take some stopping but it could happen."

With full concentration, Laing should prove too clever for the champion and should win handsomely on points. But Mancini also knows that a lapse of concentration could see Laing on the floor.

Board to tighten medical screening

THE British Boxing Board of Control is to make radical changes in its system of medical examinations to be absolutely sure of the identity of boxers going for medicals (Srikumar Sen writes). The policy is expected to come into operation by June 1.

The move comes after allegations of identity switching for brain scans by Alex Morrison, a Glasgow manager. The claims were made by two of his boxers, Pat Barrett, the British light-welterweight champion, and Delroy Profitt, both of Manchester.

John Morris, the secretary of the board, said yesterday: "We are also going to get to the bottom of these allegations. We are going to ask for the brain scans and have them examined by experts. There appear to be doubts about the identities and that loophole will have be closed rapidly."

Morrison said: "The matter is in the hands of my lawyer and until the board's findings are proved I have nothing to add."

NETBALL

Humberside hold tight with West Yorkshire

By Louise Taylor

WEST Yorkshire and Humberside held their nerve to earn promotion to the second division of the PES English counties league, via the play-offs at Birmingham, last weekend. Of the other three participants, Derbyshire were relegated to a regional division, where Nottinghamshire and Mid Hampshire will remain.

The play-offs coincided with a move on the part of the four regional divisions to nationalize the entire PES league, eventually leading to the formation of six nationwide divisions, with automatic promotion and relegation throughout.

Some counties have already written to the matches and tournaments committee of the All England Netball Association (AENA).

In response to this initiative, the AENA is to circulate a letter to all member clubs of the regional divisions asking for their views on the subject. "Six national divisions would be an ideal situation," Liz Nicholl, chief executive of the AENA, said yesterday.

"But we are asking the clubs if they are prepared to incur the extra expense and demands on their time involved in travelling.

"You could get a situation where North Durham and the Isle of Wight are expected to play each other home and away. While we would welcome a completely national league, we feel the final decision has to rest with the teams themselves."

While this weekend sees the final of the national clubs competition in Manchester, where Linden, of Birmingham, play New Campbell, of Essex, last weekend witnessed a gallant attempt to break into the Guinness Book of Records by members of the Chelmsford and District league.

Fifteen women, aged between 17 and 41, aimed to play nonstop for 45 hours and 25 minutes — the present record. In the event, a combination of blisters and heat exhaustion forced them to curtail proceedings after 31 hours, 20 minutes and 2,187 goals. But they hope £20,000 has been raised for charity.

As if an average of 70 goals an hour between 11pm on Friday and 6am on Sunday was not enough, Sandra Thornton, the organizer, gave birth to a daughter on the Friday.

Yesterday, England Under-21s limbered up for their tour of Barbados in July with a narrow win over a representative side from the East region.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup

11.0, 55 overs

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Hampshire

GLASGOW (Titwood): Scotland v Nottinghamshire

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Combined Universities

Tour match

11.0, 55 overs

DOWNPATRICK: Ireland v New Zealanders.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset; Hinckley: Leicestershire v Warwickshire; Ealing: Middlesex v Kent; the Oval: Surrey v Northamptonshire; Horsham: Sussex v Nottinghamshire; Old Hill: Worcestershire v Glamorgan; Bingley: Yorkshire v Hampshire.

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

European Cup Winners' Cup Final

Sampdoria v Anderlecht (Gothenburg, 6.15)

DEAN HORRIX MEMORIAL MATCH: Millwall v London XI.

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Aldershot v Cambridge Utd; Southend Utd v Barnet; Wealdstone v Leyton Orient. Knight Floodlight League Cup: Final: Collier Row v Hythe.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: (7.0 unless stated): Leeds v Nottingham Forest; Sheffield Utd v Bradford (7.30). Second division: Mansfield v Sunderland; Middlesbrough v Scunthorpe, Stoke v Rotherham.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Charlton v Watford; Crystal Palace v Ipswich.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: European welterweight title: Antoine Fernandez v Kirkland Laing (Wembley); Lennox Lewis v Jorge Dascova (Albert Hall).

SPEEDWAY: National League: Glasgow v Exeter, Long Eaton v Ipswich; Wimbledon v Stoke.

TENNIS: Hi-Tec LTA Spring Satellite Masters (Swansea).

SPORT ON TV

BOXING: Eurosport 8-10pm: World championship highlights: Screensport 8.30-10.30pm: Live coverage of Lennox Lewis v Lionel Washington from the Albert Hall.
CYCLING: Screensport 11.30am-midday and 10.30-11.30pm: Highlights of the Tour de Trump.

FOOTBALL: Screensport 4.15-6pm: Spanish league: Eurosport 10pm-midnight. European Cup Winners' Cup: Final: Highlights of Sampdoria v Anderlecht from Gothenburg.
GOLF: Screensport 11.30pm-12.30am: US PGA: Highlights of the Byron Nelson Classic.
GYMNASTICS: Eurosport 12-1 and 6-7pm: Highlights of the Women's European Championships from Athens.
ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 12-2.15pm: National Hockey League.

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 8.30-9.30pm: Motor sport news from around the world.
MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL: ITV 10.35-11.45pm: Boxing: Lewis v Washington from the Albert Hall. Football: European Cup Winners' Cup: Final: Sampdona v Anderlecht.
MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 7-8am: Highlights of the NASCAR 500 from the United States: Eurosport 11am-midday: Highlights of the German touring-car championships.
POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 7.30-8.30pm.

RACING: C4 2.30-4.30pm: 2.45, 3.15, 3.45 and 4.15 from Chester: Screensport 3.45-4.15pm and 12.30-1am (tomorrow): Highlights of the 1989 Belmont Stakes and Kentucky Derby.
RALLYCROSS: Screensport 10.30-11.30am: Highlights of the European championships from Austria.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 9-10.30am and 2.15-3.45pm: Highlights of the Stones Bitter premiership and French Cup.

SPORTSNIGHT: BBC1 10.20-11.45pm: Boxing: Kirkland Laing v Antoine Fernandez: Football: Preview to the World Cup: Rugby Union: Whitbread Rugby World Awards.
TENNIS: Eurosport 10-11am, 1-5pm and 12-1.30am (tomorrow): Coverage of the BMW German Open from Hamburg: Screensport 6-7.30pm: Highlights of the AT and T Challenge semi-finals from Atlanta.
TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 7-8pm: Sport from around the world.
UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.

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Wajna set to prove smart staying filly

By Mandarin

HENRY Cecil looks to have an excellent crop of three-year-old staying fillies this season. Sardegna, his Pretty Polly Stakes winner, has already staked a strong claim for Oaks consideration and now it is the turn of **Wajna**, who makes her seasonal reappearance in the Shadwell Stud Cheshire Oaks at Chester today.

Wajna, owned by Sheikh Mohammed, started her juvenile career on a high note, winning a Yarmouth maiden in July by a length from Varnish.

She then stepped up considerably in class by contesting the Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp on Arc day, but had the misfortune to come up against the subsequent 1,000 Guineas winner, Salsabil.

Wajna led for most of the way in that one-mile contest, but was outpaced in the final furlong, eventually finishing sixth, beaten approximately three lengths.

That was still a creditable performance and, with nothing of Salsabil's calibre in today's field, she should regain the winning thread.

Last month, the Barry Hills-trained Cameo Performance upset the odds laid on another Cecil filly, Escrime, who gets the chance to atone at Sandown tonight, while Dick Hern's Harefoot showed plenty of scope for improvement when finishing fifth on her debut behind Quest For Fame at Newbury. However, Wajna should collect here before going on to better things.

The Ladbroke Chester Cup has attracted its usual competitive field of stayers including the in-form Drumhead, Calicon and Good Hand.

Drumhead is closely handicapped with Martin Pipe's Lucky Verdict, who is 3lb better off for a near three-length beating in the Queen's Prize at Kempton's Easter fixture.

David Elsworth has secured the services of top Irish rider Michael Kinane – so effective on Tirol in the 2,000 Guineas – for Major Inquiry, a good hurdler last winter who will be all the better for his third behind Sadeem at Salisbury.

But I just prefer the attractively weighted **Travelling Light**, who looked to be caught out by the enterprising forcing tactics of Ray Cochrane on Noble Savage at Newmarket last month.

Lynda Ramsden's four-year-old finished full of running that day and this useful performer, who was a good third in last season's Cesarewitch, can put his stamina to good effect if avoiding traffic problems off the crucial final bend.

However, the best bet at the meeting may be Michael Stoute's **Moscow Dynamo**, who in his only outing so far, at Doncaster last September, finished a very creditable third behind Tirol, despite meeting interference when challenging two furlongs out.

Moscow Dynamo is not a big colt and should be able to handle the tight Roodeye track. He is napped to get the better of Russian Frontier, a promising second to Lord Florey at Newmarket last month, and Gypsy River, who filled the same position behind Red Toto at Warwick.

Several of the top jockeys are flying on to the Sandown evening fixture where Steve Cauthen particularly should be rewarded for his double stint with two further winners for the Cecil team through **Escrime** (7.5) and **Razeeu** (8.5).

Plain Jim seals place in Times final

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

THE TIMES Point-to-point Championship

SORAWAY has never shown the ability to truly stay three miles yet was made favourite for *The Times* Championship qualifier at the West Street point-to-point at Aldington on Monday.

In a field of six, Adam Welsh had her to the fore three out, but she again failed to stay the trip and soon gave way to Plain Jim, ridden by Warren Marshall, finishing 20 lengths away in third place with Clove Bud running on eight lengths behind the winner.

Owned by James Poulton, Plain Jim will be entered for the Towcester final but may well opt for an alternative engagement at the Folkestone hunter chase meeting five days earlier.

Epping garage owner Ken Clutterbuck, after trying for 16 years, rode his first winner when Crush On You beat three rivals in *The Times* qualifier at the Enfield Chace. Taking up the running from Anrika four out, Crush On You, a Doncaster sales purchase two years ago, kept on well and held off the late challenge of Military Merchant by two lengths.

Every element of both farce and comedy was acted out at Mr Goschen's at Tweseldown. Not only was the course hard but also rough, and only 12 horses turned out. This number should have been 13 but, after declaring for the open where he had a walk-over, Rossa Prince went absent without leave, and the race was declared void.

This was the second void race during the afternoon as in the ladies there were no finishers after 10 refusals, a fall and two unseated riders – all with two horses.

Sometime during these procedures, Sarah Wilson, the rider of Abalight, injured herself with her whip and missed a later ride.

The meeting started with a walk-over for La Puebla, who, aged 21 years, is two years senior to Hamish Rowsell, the winning rider of Synonymous in the restricted.

Candy Thomas is making a name for herself in the Welsh border area. After winning the Hereford hunter chase on Dashalong on Saturday, she was successful against strong opposition on Ebony Hill in the ladies at the **Radnor and West Herefordshire** two days later. With five fences to jump, she poached a four lengths lead on the 7-1 chance and was never again headed.

Mike Felton had not ridden a winner until the fifth Saturday of the season but, after a double at the **Seavington**, now shares the lead with Philip Scholfield for the male riding honours.

One of his wins, on Mischievous Monk in the open, was in a match with Schofield, the other success being on Blue Hussar whose task was made easier by the fall of Cut'N'Cured three out and by Purdy's Son slipping up on the bend going to the second-last fence.

The most successful rider of the day was John Llewellyn who had a treble at the **Banwen Minors** and the most successful meeting was the **Warwickshire** with 63 runners and a divided maiden. At the other end of the scale, a new low was reached at the **Burton** who mustered only eight horses.

Results from 11 bank holiday meetings

BANWEN MINERS (Resolven): Hunt: 1, Travistown (Miss Z Llewellyn), walked over. Adj: 1, Radio Cue (J Llewellyn); 2, Spartan Lemon; 3 Andartis. 4 ran. Open: 1, Timber Tool (P Hamer), walked over. Ladies: 1, Creeping Jane (Mrs D Smith); 2, Fly Fred; 3, Hart Hill Lady. 4 ran. Rest: 1, Hope Street (J Llewellyn); 2 Final Joy. 3 ran. Only two fin. Mdn: 1, Charlie Plum (J Llewellyn); 2, Moshi Moshi; 3 Little Lemon. 3 ran.

BURTON: (Carholme) Hunt: 1, Miss Ebeneza (Miss S Heath), walked over. Adj: Acertainhit (T Rigley), walked over. Ladies: 1, Penny Falls (Mrs M Morris); 2, Le Sarthois. Only 2 ran. Open: 1, Ascertain Hit (T Rigley); 2, General Derek. 3 ran. Only two fin. Rest: 1, Stanwick Grange (J Sharp); 2, Miss Ebeneza. 2 ran. Mdn: 1, Ranja (Mrs Morris), walked over.

COTLEY (Cotley Farm): Hunt: 1, Brigadier Rose (Mrs J Eames); 2, Gay Minstrel; 3 ran. Only two fin. Adj: 1, Highland Chatter (J Farthing); 2, Brickyard; 3, Culmleigh Padre. 3 ran. Open: 1, Freeze Frame (R Butler); 2, Airwair. 2 ran. Ladies: 1, Gerry Doyle (Miss J Barrow); 2, Maxine's Lass; 3, Bergenrose. 3 ran. BFSS: 1, Maori Warrior (N Shayler); 2, White Supreme; 3, Jack's Folley. 5 ran. Mdn: 1, Dunish Cross (N Mitchell); 2, Miss Bootsie. 3 ran. Only two fin.

ENFIELD CHACE (Northaw): Hunt: 1, Dargi (Miss V Marshall). 3 ran. Finished only. Adj: 1, Comapiry Policy (T Moore); 2, Lord John; 3, Kilwarden. 4 ran. Open: 1, York Royal; (T Moore); 2, Peach Leaf; 3, Country Scerk 3 ran. Ladies: 1, Pushada (Miss K Parns); 2, Aligold Member. 2 ran. Times Championship Rest: 1, Crush On You (K Clutterbuck); 2, Military Merchant; 3, Anrika. 4 ran. Mdn: 1, Celtic Comic (T Tano); 2, Just Jaskaraider; 3, Never Line. 5 ran.

MR GOSCHEN'S (Tweseldown): Hunt: 1, La Puebla (A Ayres), walked over. Rest: 1, Synonymous (H Rowsell); 2, Pnam Lodge; 3, Silent Gold. 4 ran. Ladies: Void. Mdn: 1, Poet Laureate (S Clusse); 2, Rhythmic Wood. 2 ran. Adj: 1, Lordy Boy (J McIrvine); 2, Mansion Maurauder; 3, The Hooke. 3 ran.

RADNOR AND WEST HEREFORDSHIRE (Cursneh Hill): Hunt: 1, Barsbrook Lad (C Campbell); 2, Cursneh Decor. 3 ran. Only two fin. Adj: 1, Another Orbit (A Ulyet); 2, Joycott; 3, Celtic Princess. 6 ran. Open: 1, Katesville (T Jones); 2, Eggington; 3, Rag Stream. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Ebony Hill (Miss C Thomas); 2, Green Blossom; 3, Foolish Hero. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Supetingo (D Stephens); 2, Stanford Boy; 3, New Port. 8 ran. Mdn: 1, Fiffa's Boy (A James); 2, Esprit De Feu; 3, I'Veseengold. 11 ran.

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE (Eyton-on-Severn): Hunt: 1, Thomas Tee (J Comes); 2, Eric's Wish; 3, Midday Secretlove. 6 ran. Open: 1, Camborne Hill (C Barlow); 2, Supreme Chester. 2 ran. Ladies: 1, Mourne Warrior (Miss L Crow); 2, Dr Cornelius; 3, Dobsons Choice. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Trematon (G Hanmer); 2, Brandsby; 3, Tytherington. 4 ran. Adj: 1, Sandsons Arch (C Barlow); 2, Bay Owl. 3 ran. Only two fin. Mdn: 1, Abbreviated (S Crank); 2, Brasever Brookstew; 3, Glowing Dawn. 5 ran.

STEVENSTONE (Stibb Cross): Hunt: 1, My Kizzy (Miss L Blackford), walked over. Ladies: 1, Miss Rughill (Miss K Ellis); 2, Lydacott Moon; 3, Patralan. 5 ran. Open: 1, Mischievous Monk (M Felton); 2, Generally Billy. 2 ran. Adj: 1, Golden Singer (Miss A Turner); 2, Breezy Glen; 3, Seventh Season. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Bule Hussar (M Felton); 2, Cut 'N'cured; 3 Purdy's Son. 5 ran. Mdn: 1, Signpost (A Wonnacott); 2, Come To Pass; 3, Ice Dancers. 5 ran.

WARWICKSHIRE (Ashorne): Hunt: 1, Scalisoro (C Wadland); 2, Wish For More; 3, Kinsbourne Bay. 8 ran. Adj: 1, Gobardana (J Rees); 2, Fedney Hill; 3, Dan O'Tolly. 6 ran. Open: 1, Copper Fastener (R Heyman); 2, Metela; 3, Brookside King. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Russki (Miss A Dare); 2, Write The Music; 3, Deraheen Sniper. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Another Soldier (T Houlbrooke); 2, Mr Sponge; 3, Chuvalongen. 9 ran. Mdn I: 1, Icky's Five (A Hill); 2, Sunshine Manor; 3 Adam Dean. 11 ran. Mdn II: 1, Porter's Song (L Lay); 2 Deep Surpale; 3, Outgunned. 10 ran.

WEST STREET (Aldington): Adj: 1, Colonel Henry (M Davies); 2, Tinagerah Lad; 3, Krakus 8 ran. Hunt: 1, Rusty Rails (A Hickmen); 2, Tricky Business; 3, Double Option. 3 ran. Times Championship Rest: 1, Plain Jim (W Marshall); 2, Clove Bud; 3, Soraway. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Eagles Run (Miss J Henry); 2, Maltby Boy; 3, Liberty Square. Open: 1, Wye Lea (C Newport); 2, Ten Bears; 3, Four Poster. 7 ran. Mdn: 1, Crawfordstown (P Hickman). 4 ran.

ZETLAND (Witton Castle): Adj: 1, Fall Mist (R Tait); 2, Newborn Dale; 3, Amy's Mystery. 6 ran. Open: 1, Helicammudwrestler (M Roberts); 2, The Lady's Partner; 3, Courageous Owl. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Not Quite a Lady (Miss A Ward); 2, Steele Justice; 3, Not Easy. Mdn: 1, Proverbial Luck (Miss J Hunter); 2, King's Joy; 3, Duright. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Up The Snicket (P Atkinson); 2, Half A Buck; 3, Comzan. 8 ran. Hunt: 1, Second Mission (A Spink); 2, Acropol; 3, Mickey Cinders. 5 ran.

CHESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Arturian.
2.45 Local Derby.
3.15 Travelling Light.
3.45 Wajna.
4.15 Saddle Bow.
4.45 MOSCOW DYNAMO (nap).

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 ——
2.45 Dancing Earl.
3.15 Northwold Star.
3.45 WAJNA (nap).
4.15 Saddle Bow.
4.45 Moscow Dynamo.

By Michael Seely

3.15 TRAVELLING LIGHT (nap). 3.45 Wajna.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 WAJNA.

Going: good **Draw: 5f, low numbers best**

2.15 RED DRAGON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: colts & geldings: £3,447: 5f) (5 runners)

101 (3) 05 AMANDHLA 11 (N Jackson) N Tinkler 9-0 ..... Kim Tinkler —
102 (4) 3 ARTURIAN 9 (G Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 ..... S Cauthen —
103 (5) 44 CRYSTAL JACK 25 (Mrs B Facchino) F Lee 9-0 ..... Dean McKeown —
104 (2) 32 RHYTHMIC DANCER 25 (Heathavon Stables Ltd) J Berry 9-0 ..... J Carroll —
105 (1) WARRIOR PRINCE (I Desmond) R Whitaker 9-0 ..... A Culhane —

BETTING: 7-4 Arturian, 9-4 Rhythmic Dancer, 3-1 Crystal Jack, 7-1 Amandhla, 10-1 Warrior Prince.

1989: TADEUS 9-0 S Perks (15-2) R Hollinshead 6 ran

2.45 CHESHIRE REGIMENT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,148: 1m 4f 65yd) (12 runners) C4

201 (1) 0-112 WARM FEELING 18 (R Upton) B Hills 9-7 ..... S Cauthen 91
202 (8) 44160-4 BANKROLL 44 (F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-6 ..... W R Swinburn 90
203 (7) 53120- FLAMING GLORY 232 (G) (F Salman) M Bell 9-1 ..... W Carson 86
204 (11) 1 LOCAL DERBY 25 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 8-11 ..... Dean McKeown 93
205 (3) 31004-4 LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 25 (F) (A Hill) R Hollinshead 8-8 ..... S Perks 93
206 (9) 00213- TRAINGLOT 180 (S) (Marquess de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-8 ..... K Fallon 89
207 (5) 031-6 FRENCH BAY 21 (H Collis) D Haydn Jones 8-5 ..... B Marcus 96
208 (2) 203- CHAPMAN'S PEAK 157 (R Sangster) D Morley 8-2 ..... M Roberts 86
209 (4) 30-34 DANCING EARL 23 (BF) (W Gredley) C Brittain 7-7 ..... B Doyle (7) ● 99
210 (10) 0050-11 J BRAND 11 (D,F) (Lowe and Oliver Ltd) P Cole 7-7 ..... Dale Gibson (3) 93
211 (6) 00-0 HIGH CASTE 29 (R West) R Holder 7-7 ..... J Quinn 80
212 (12) 0-00 CLWYD LODGE 74 (P & D Leisure Ltd) D Thom 7-7 ..... N Carlisle —

Long handicap: High Caste 7-6, Clwyd Lodge 6-1.

BETTING: 3-1 Local Derby, 7-2 Warm Feeling, 4-1 J Brand, 8-1 Dancing Earl, 8-1 Lawnswood Junior, French Bay, 12-1 Bankroll, 14-1 others.

1989: MURANGO 9-6 W Carson (9-2) J Dunlop 12 ran

FORM FOCUS WARM FEELING, twice an easy winner at Lingfield (1m 3f, AW, stanadard), made good late headway to finish 4l 2nd to Belmez, an easy winner yesterday, at Newbury (1m 3f, good) and looks well treated at the weights.
BANKROLL weakened 2f out when 14½l 4th to Enharmonic at Leicester (7f, good to firm) reappearance. **LOCAL DERBY** came with strong late run to beat Kisu Kali a neck on Newcastle (1m 2f 40yd). **TRAINGLOT** 8l 3rd of 18 to Adding at Redcar (1m 2f, good). **DANCING EARL** 6l 4th of 15 to Tara's Delight at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: WARM FELLING (nap)

3.15 LADBROKE CHESTER CUP (Handicap: £22,110: 2m 2f 97yd) (17 runners) C4

301 (13) 62144-1 DRUMHEAD 25 (F,S) (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 4-9-11 (3ex) ..... S Cauthen 93
302 (4) 4/2122-3 MAJOR INQUIRY 6 (F,G) (Mrs T Brown) D Elsworth 4-9-10 ..... M J Kinane 98
303 (17) 104302- DWADME 18J (G,S) (Olympic NH Racing) O Sherwood 5-9-6 ..... W Newnes 81
304 (11) 1213-13 LUCKY VERDICT 25 (B,D,BF,F) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) M Pipe 4-9-3 Pat Eddery 93
305 (14) 45410-1 CALICON 19 (G,S) (S Berry) I Balding 4-9-2 (3ex) ..... J Matthias 94
306 (10) 5113-62 TRAVELLING LIGHT 21 (F,S) (Mrs A Sigsworth) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-1 A Munro ● 99
307 (9) 23/6220- OUT OF FUNDS 217 (T Painting) R Hollinshead 4-8-0 ..... S Perks 88
308 (6) 21225-1 GOOD HAND 11 (F) (Mrs M Haggas) J Watts 4-8-13 (3ex) ..... N Connorton 97
309 (8) 4330-30 UPTON PARK 12 (F) (P Newton) J Watts 5-8-11 ..... Dean McKeown 87
310 (1) 22530-2 JOYCE'S CARE 11 (J Hanson) Miss S Hall 4-8-9 ..... E Johnson 97
311 (2) 21023-5 RAMBO CASTLE 9J (F) (P Macari) N Tinkler 4-8-9 ..... D Nicholls 91
312 (3) 106-123 BARRISH 21 (BF,F) (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-8-7 ..... W Carson 92
313 (7) 511530/ PANIENKA 636J (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Wadsworth) J Mackie 8-8-7 ..... G Hind (5) —
314 (5) 5410/3 ANDORRA 28 (S) (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-8-3 ..... M Roberts 85
315 (16) 3231-08 NORTHWOLD STAR 12 (V,D,G) (T Jennings) D Thom 4-7-12 ..... J Quinn 89
316 (12) 4462-24 PHILJOY 11 (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 4-7-12 ..... Dale Gibson (3) 95
317 (15) 412545- SPRING FORWARD 230 (V,C,F,G,S) (Whitaker & Wallace) R Peacock 6-7-7 J Lowe 77

Long handicap: Spring Forward 6-5.

BETTING: 4-1 Travelling Light, 13-2 Lucky Verdict, 8-1 Major Inquiry, Barrish, Drumhead, 9-1 Joyce's Care, 10-1 Dwadme, Calicon, 12-1 Good Hand, 14-1 Rambo Castle, 16-1 others.

1989: GREY SALUTE 6-8-7 Pat Eddery (7-1) J Jenkins 14 ran

FORM FOCUS DRUMHEAD ridden out to beat Double Dutch by 2½l at Kempton (2m, good to firm) with LUCKY VERDICT (3lb better off) 2¾l 3rd and NORTHWOLD STAR a well-beaten 10th.
MAJOR INQUIRY kept on one pace when 5¾l 3rd to Sadeem at Salisbury (1m 6f, firm). DWADME, has had a good season over hurdles, ¾l 2nd to Elegant Monarch with SPRING FORWARD (4lb worse off) 1¼l in 4th here (2m, good to firm) last September. LUCKY VERDICT beat BARRISH (3lb better off) by 4l with TRAVELLING LIGHT (11lb better off) 11¾l 8th on Doncaster (2m 2f, firm). CALICON ridden out to beat Prince Sobur by 6l at Newbury (2m, good). TRAVELLING LIGHT kept on well towards the finish when 1½l 2nd to Noble Savage with BARRISH (1lb better off) 2½l back in 3rd at Newmarket (1m 6f, good to firm). Will be suited by the recent rain. GOOD HAND ran on well under pressure to beat JOYCE'S CARE (3lb better off) a head on Ripon (2m, firm) with PHILJOY (3lb better off) 4½l 4th.
Selection: TRAVELLING LIGHT

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.45 SHADWELL STUD CHESHIRE OAKS (Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £23,003: 1m 3f 70yd) (8 runners) C4

401 (4) 32-1 CAMEO PERFORMANCE 12 (F) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11 ..... Pat Eddery 85
402 (8) 1230- FUJAIYRAH 201 (F) (A Foustok) R Boss 8-11 ..... L Dettori 89
403 (7) 5 HAREFOOT 19 (Lord Rotherwick) W Hern 8-11 ..... W Carson —
404 (3) 45-2 HELEN'S GUEST 23 (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 8-11 ..... G Carter 74
405 (1) PHARIAN (S Manana) C Brittain 8-11 ..... M Roberts —
406 (6) 411- RUBY TIGER 206 (G,S) (Mrs P Blacker) P Cole 8-11 ..... T Quinn 85
407 (2) 3156-2 SPURNED 15 (F) (M Jenney) I Balding 8-11 ..... J Matthias 88
408 (5) 10- WAJNA 213 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11 ..... S Cauthen ● 99

BETTING: 13-8 Wajna, 7-2 Cameo Performance, 6-1 Harefoot, 7-1 Ruby Tiger, 10-1 Spurned, 12-1 Helen's Guest, Fujaiyrah, 25-1 Pharian.

1989: BRAISWICK 8-11 Pat Eddery (13-2) G Wragg 8 ran

FORM FOCUS CAMEO PERFORMANCE ridden out to beat the well-regarded Escrime 1½l at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). FUJAIYRAH put up best effort last season when 2¾l 3rd to Silk Slippers in a group II race at Ascot (1m, good to firm).
HAREFOOT made a pleasing introduction when 7¾l 5th of 21 to Quest For Fame at Newbury (1m 3f, good). HELEN'S GUEST 2½l 2nd to Sanglamore at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm). RUBY TIGER last season with an impressive 2½l victory in a group III race at San Siro (1m). SPURNED 10l 2nd to Raffia in a listed race at Epsom (1m 110yd, good) on seasonal reappearance. WAJNA improved on Yarmouth (7f, firm) maiden victory when 3¾l 6th to Salsabil in the group I Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp (1m, good to soft).
Selection: WAJNA

4.15 SEFTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,659: 7f 122yd) (13 runners) C4

501 (13) 603- ALTAIA 205 (P Deal) W Haggas 8-11 ..... N Day 94
502 (9) 0- BESITO 186 (T Painting) R Hollinshead 8-11 ..... S Perks —
503 (9) 5400- CUTLASS PRINCESS 230 (J Graham) R Guest 8-11 ..... J Lowe —
504 (4) 64- DARTING MOTH 190 (Lady Durham) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 Dean McKeown 87
505 (1) 0 FAR FROM HOME 18 (T Holland-Martin) R Johnson Houghton 8-11 ..... W Newnes 97
506 (10) 5-0 LAND OF HOPE 21 (Mrs C Holland-Martin) P Walwyn 8-11 ..... W R Swinburn 88
507 (12) 5 LA STUPENDA 18 (T Blackwell) W Jarvis 8-11 ..... M Tebbutt ● 99
508 (3) 03- SADDLE BOW 186 (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-11 ..... Pat Eddery 97
509 (5) 0- SAWAKI 180 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 ..... R Hills —
510 (7) 0 SON ET LUMIERE 18 (The Queen) I Balding 8-11 ..... J Matthias —
511 (2) 5- VALIANT HOPE 318 (Miss C O'Sullivan) T Thomson Jones 8-11. S Whitworth —
512 (11) 60033-6 WATER WELL 22 (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-11 ..... M Roberts 96
513 (6) WESTERN LOCH (Mrs J McAlister) R Boss 8-11 ..... L Dettori —

BETTING: 9-4 Saddle Bow, 3-1 La Stupenda, 5-1 Far From Home, 7-1 Water Well, 8-1 Sawaki, 10-1 Altaia, 12-1 Land Of Hope, 14-1 others.

1989: BAY BAY 8-11 S Cauthen (11-2) R Johnson Houghton 10 ran

FORM FOCUS ALTAIA ran on to finish 5l 3rd to Iwrea at Leicester (7f, firm) on final start last season. DARTING MOTH, shaped with promise on both starts last season, beaten just over 4l 4th of 23 to Villarosa at Redcar (5f, good).
LA STUPENDA just under 5l 5th of 24 to Pressure at Newbury (7f, good) with FAR FROM HOME neck 7th and SON ET LUMIERE 12th. SADDLE BOW, hails from a stable in excellent form, 2½l 3rd to Sardegna at Newmarket (7f, good to soft) last season. WATER WELL, outclassed when 5th to Heart Of Joy in the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket (7f, good); earlier finished ½l 3rd to Katsina over same course and distance.
Selection: SADDLE BOW

4.45 ROODEYE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: colts & geldings: £4,386: 7f 122yd) (9 runners)

601 (2) 00 ARBOR VITAE 6 (K Al-Said) D Morley 9-0 ..... M Birch 79
602 (7) 6-0 CAMPAI 23 (Mrs H De Burgh) R Armstrong 9-0 ..... B Marcus 81
603 (1) 550-050 FARNDALE 29 (P Bailey) Miss S Wilton 9-0 ..... — 54
604 (3) 2 GYPSY RIVER 22 (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-0 ..... Pat Eddery 98
605 (5) 3- MOSCOW DYNAMO 238 (J Burns) M Stoute 9-0 ..... W R Swinburn ● 99
606 (8) 23-62 PYTCHLEY NIGHT 28 (D Demetri) R Hollinshead 9-0 ..... S Perks 98
607 (6) 5055-00 RICHMOND PARK 5 (W Owen) L Barratt 9-0 ..... J Quinn 66
608 (4) 3-2 RUSSIAN FRONTIER 20 (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0 ..... S Cauthen 97
609 (9) 3- WALTZING HOME 210 (R Holt) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 ..... W Newnes 98

BETTING: 2-1 Russian Frontier, 5-2 Moscow Dynamo, 4-1 Gypsy River, 6-1 Waltzing Home, 8-1 Pytchley Night, 16-1 Campai, 25-1 others.

1989: BATSHOOF 9-5 Pat Eddery (1-3 fav) B Hanbury 2 ran

FORM FOCUS GYPSY RIVER put up an encouraging display on racecourse debut when 2½l 2nd to Red Toto at Warwick (1m, good to firm). MOSCOW DYNAMO had trouble in running but recorded a most promising effort when 2l 3rd to Tirol at Doncaster (6f, good) last season.
PYTCHLEY NIGHT ran to his best when 1l runner-up to Amana River at Ripon (1m, firm). RICHMOND PARK needs to improve upon 9l 7th to Gordons Dream at Hamilton (1m 40yd, good to soft). RUSSIAN FRONTIER 1½l 2nd of 19 to Lord Florey at Newmarket (7f, good) on seasonal debut. WALTZING HOME hampered but ran on again when 2½l 3rd to Muwfiq at York (6f, good to firm) last season.
Selection: RUSSIAN FRONTIER

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
W Hern	10	29	34.5
H Cecil	5	22	27.3
G Wragg	10	38	26.3
G P-Gordon	8	37	21.6
B Hills	18	85	21.2
C Brittain	7	40	17.5

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
W Carson	20	84	23.8
S Cauthen	14	62	22.6
Pat Eddery	11	52	21.2
G Carter	7	34	20.6
W Newnes	4	20	20.0
M Roberts	5	25	20.0

(Not including yesterday's results)

SALISBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Half A Tick. 2.30 Cricket Fan. 3.0 Superoo. 3.30 Itsagame. 4.0 Miss Eurolink. 4.30 Lady Grenville. 5.0 Ahead.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 Lady Snooble. 3.0 Sign People. 4.0 Duggan. 4.30 Katahdin. 5.0 Totham.

Michael Seely's selection: 5.0 Ahead.

Going: firm (watering)
Draw: 5f-1m, high numbers best

2.0 EBF WARMINSTER MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: colts & geldings: £2,262: 5f) (5 runners)

1 DREAM OF TOMORROW 3 Berry 9-0 ..... R Cochrane 5
2 HALF A TICK P Cole 9-0 ..... C Rutter 3
3 00 LAND SUN (B) 9 M Channon 9-0 ..... J Williams 2
4 PINE GLEN PEPPER 5 Dow 9-0 ..... Paul Eddery 4
5 3 SWIFT ROMANCE 22 B Millman 9-0 ..... P D'Arcy 1

13-8 Half A Tick, 9-4 Dream Of Tomorrow, 4-1 Land Sun, 13-2 Pine Glen Pepper, 10-1 Swift Romance.

2.30 RUDDLES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,418: 7f) (12)

1 0-04 CRICKET FAN 15 (F) S Dow 9-7 ..... W Ryan 6
2 223- QUINTA ROYALE 189 R Akehurst 9-6 ..... J Reid 1
3 00-0 WAKE UP 15 (F) J Eustace 9-1 ..... B Rouse 9
4 -510 CHEVEUX MITCHELL 22 (CD,F,G) M Channon 9-0 ..... R Cochrane 4
5 530- SIMPLY SPIM 183 W Wightman 9-0 ..... J Williams 5
6 4-40 PIPPA'S DREAM 14 (F) P Cole 8-12 ..... S O'Neill (7) 7
7 0-00 BROWN CARPET 11 (B) G Lewis 8-10 ..... Paul Eddery 12
8 04-0 DOUNHURST 16 R Hannon 8-6 ..... A McGlone 8
9 02-0 MONKEY LOVE 15 L Cottrell 8-4 ..... C Rutter 11
10 5-20 LADY SNOOBLE 16 R Boss 7-12 ..... S O'Gorman (5) 2
11 0-00 RACECALL GOLD CARD 16 M McCormack 7-8 ..... NON-RUNNER 10
12 00-0 BOSTON BILL 23 B Millman 7-8 ..... D Bardwell 3

11-4 Cricket Fan, 7-2 Pippa's Dream, 4-1 Wake Up, 6-1 Quinta Royale, 15-2 Lady Snooble, 10-1 Boston Bill.

3.0 USHERS TROPHY (Handicap: £3,850: 1m) (10)

1 40-0 BECQUEREL 46 (D,BF,F) R Charlton 4-10-0 ..... R Cochrane 7
2 040- SIGN PEOPLE 186 (F,G) J Scarg 4-9-9 ..... W Ryan 1
3 10-0 SUPEROO 15 (F,G) J Sutcliffe 4-9-5 ..... M Wigham 9
4 242- SPANISH HEART 217 (C,F,G) P Makin 5-9-3 ..... J Reid 4
5 103- ROBERT DEAR 214 (D,F) P Cole 4-8-12 A Simpson (7) 5
6 04-1 BU-SOFYAN 5 (CD,F,G) M Madgwick 5-8-9 (5ex) ..... B Rouse 8
7 342- SUPER LUNAR 180 (CD,F,G) L Cottrell 5-8-9 C Rutter 10
8 510- TAKE HEART 208 (F) D Elsworth 4-8-5 ..... J Williams 6
9 0-00 LOVE PRINCE 21 (F) W Carter 4-8-1 ..... Paul Eddery 3
10 0-00 EVENING RAIN 6 (D,G,S) R Hodges 4-7-11 D Biggs (5) 2

8-4 Becquerel, 3-1 Bu-Sofyan, 5-1 Superoo, 13-2 Take Heart, 15-2 Spanish Heart, 9-1 Sign People, 11-1 Evening Rain.

3.30 SALISBURY STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,590: 5f) (4)

1 11 ITSAGAME 29 (D,F) S Dow 9-5 ..... Paul Eddery 4
2 221 BEYOND OUR REACH 11 (D,F) J Berry 9-3 ..... R Cochrane 3
3 61 BOLD DOUBLE 6 (CD,F) C Nelson 9-3 ..... J Reid 2
4 1 CITY SOLACE 44 (D,F) R Hannon 9-3 ..... B Rouse 1

11-10 Bold Double, 11-8 Itsagame, 6-1 City Solace, 10-1 Beyond Our Reach.

4.0 HOLSTEN EXPORT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,950: 1m 2f) (10)

1 50-3 CASUAL FLASH 34 I Balding 9-7 ..... S O'Gorman (5) 2
2 43-3 MILLFIELDS LADY 19 (F) R Simpson 9-7. G Bardwell 8
3 54-0 STANWAY 25 R Hannon 9-5 ..... A McGlone 4
4 214- SHIFTING BREEZE 190 (G) T Thomson Jones 9-5 ..... L Mahoney (7) 6
5 5-23 I SEE ICE 67 B Hills 9-3 ..... B Rouse 7
6 140- MISS EUROLINK 187 (S) J Dunlop 9-3 ..... J Reid 10
7 00-6 RUSSIAN RED 44 W Wightman 8-11 ..... J Williams 3
8 00-6 CAMDEN'S RANSOM 22 M Fetherston-Godley 9-6 ..... W Ryan 5
9 00-6 DUGGAN 23 R Williams 7-11 ..... D Biggs (5) 9
10 00-0 FINAL ENIGMA 19 P Makin 7-10 ..... S Dawson 1

5-2 Duggan, 7-2 Miss Eurolink, 7-1 Russian Red, 17-2 I See Ice, 10-1 Shifting Breeze, 12-1 Casual Flash.

4.30 HORSERACE BETTING LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,532: 6f) (12)

1 042- MYVERYGOODFRIEND 221 A Turnell 9-12 ..... S Giles 8
2 030- BUFFS EXPRESS 215 W Wightman 9-4 ..... R Price 2
3 0-63 KATAHDIN 12 G Wragg 9-2 ..... N Hall 6
4 -010 PIPERS HILL 8 (F) M Channon 9-1 ..... A Procter 10
5 1-00 RUSHANES 23 R Hannon 9-1 ..... R Perham 9
6 32-3 YEOMAN BID 111 K Ivory 8-11 ..... C Scally (5) 3
7 -004 GINGERNUT 14 M Usher 8-9 ..... A Tucker 11
8 0064 GENTLE SATIN 37 (BF) P Mitchell 8-8 ..... K Rutter 5
9 00-6 BROTHER RAY 32 J Sutcliffe 8-6 ..... D Cripps (5) 12
10 -030 LADY GRENVILLE 80 M Usher 8-6 ..... A Simpson 1
11 5144 HOT HOPE 29 J Bridger 7-13 ..... Rachel Bridger (5) 7
12 0-00 HERCULES 30 (B) P Burgoyne 7-11 ..... P Brisland 4

11-4 Rushanes, 3-1 Yeoman Bid, 9-2 Lady Grenville, 6-1 Pipers Hill, 15-2 Hot Hope, 9-1 Gentle Satin.

5.0 DRUIDS GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £2,394: 1m 4f) (7)

1 0- AHEAD 186 G Harwood 8-8 ..... R Cochrane 3
2 5 BOLD DISPLAY 12 D Murray Smith 8-8 ..... R Wernham 5
3 0-6 GOLDEN DELLA 13 (BF) I Balding 8-8 S O'Gorman (5) 4
4 3-6 HIGH SPIRITED 12 J Dunlop 8-8 ..... B Rou

Doubters leap to attack changes to cricket balls and pitches that have helped county batsmen produce record-breaking feats

Reforms must be given time to settle

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

ENGLISH cricket's enthusiasm for reform has been found wanting more than once in the past year. Now, a week into May, we are seeing it all over again. The game, we are told, has gone mad because the batsmen are making too many runs.

There have, so far, been only two rounds of championship games. The second of them produced two triple hundreds, three double hundreds and an array of run records. As a result, vocal opinion has it that pitches are too bland and the ball is too soft and seamless.

Now, given the fact that some of this may have a foundation of truth, is it not a premature overreaction indicative of some alarmingly short memories? To put it in perspective, less than a year ago the compelling issue was bowlers taking too many cheap wickets because the pitches and balls were too helpful.

The game was being abused by counties hell bent on achieving a result at the expense of playing standards. Something, it was widely agreed, needed to be done. Something has been done, but, on all of a fortnight's evidence, there are those willing to condemn the changes out of hand.

Last year, the 15-strand seam on the controversial Reader ball stood so proud from the leather that, when used on the prevalent green, under-prepared pitches, it allowed excessive sideways movement. That ball, and those pitches, have been outlawed for all county games by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB). The 1990 ball has only nine-strand seams which are flush with the surface. The edict on pitches is that they must be made to last.

It is not to the liking of the seam bowlers' union, nor of those who think cricket is worth watching only when wickets are tumbling; what it is, of course, is an attempt to raise standards.

The four-day games which concluded on Bank holiday Monday were remarkable. At least, three of them were. The matches at the Oval, Cardiff and Chelmsford yielded 4,610 runs at an average of 82 runs per wicket, more than three times the figure for the four other games.

All three were drawn, although at least in the case of the Oval, this reflected bloody-minded captaincy which Lancashire, as championship aspirants, may live to regret. Scoring 863 might have animated the statisticians and cocked a snook at Surrey for prolonging their own innings, but in the context of chasing honours it was pure folly.

Had they declared behind, inviting Surrey to set a target, Lancashire were the only likely winners.

Tactically, then, maybe some counties must adjust to the needs of longer games on better pitches. This goes deeper than judging declarations. It embraces the pace of batting and, most important, the quality of bowling.

It is not enough, as too often it was in recent seasons, to rotate five or six seam bowlers who knew that the combination of a thick-seamed ball and a receptive pitch would camouflage their shortcomings in skill and confound all the batsmen's attempts to play correctly.

In the conditions which are supposed to prevail now, the quicker bowlers will achieve little unless they are able to call upon genuine speed or controlled swing. The reign of the gently paced seamer, roguish in county cricket but utterly useless on better Test pitches, should be over.

Best of all is the opportunity for spin bowling. On a fourth-day pitch at Folkestone on Monday, Richard Davis, of Kent, took six for 59 to win the game. Peter Such took wickets for Essex at Chelmsford. Both are promising, specialist slow bowlers of the type whose careers have been retarded by the obsession with gaining results through seam bowling on poor pitches.

Of course, the new regulations are not yet perfect. There are grounds for believing that they go too far. Complaints about the new ball extend beyond the bowlers' moan that they must now work harder to a general criticism, shared by batsmen, that it is often going soft very fast. This, however, is an error of design, not legislation.

Pitches need only be even, not lifeless. *They would also benefit* from being open to the elements for championship matches, so long as the bowlers' run-ups were also uncovered. The ball needs to be just a ball, which means neither a hand grenade nor a sponge cake. Captains need to react to circumstances rather than prejudices. Bowlers, as Ian Greig, one of the week's biggest run scorers, points out, must learn how to bowl when things are not in *their favour*.

When all these provisos are met, we will have a county game which is not unbalanced towards either bat or ball. It does, however, take a little more than a fortnight to get the mixture right.

Certainly, the TCCB is far from discouraged. Indeed, its cricket secretary, Tim Lamb, said yesterday: "We are seeing exactly the things we'd hoped for. People are saying it has made life too easy for the batsmen but we approached it from the other angle and wanted to make life harder for the bowlers. I believe we are seeing the fruits of that already, but it is wholly ridiculous to make any judgements on two weeks of cricket."

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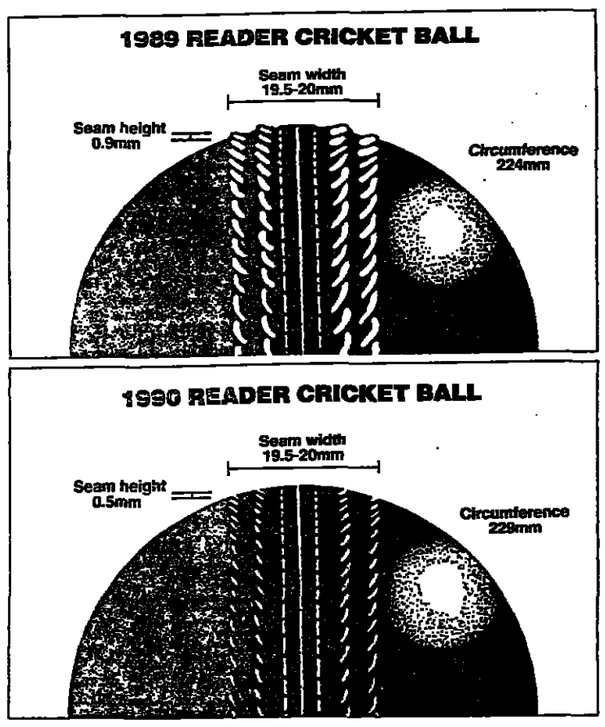


FIRST-CLASS HUNDREDS

A total of 41 hundreds has been made in 23 first-class matches so far this season, 32 in the 15 Britannic Assurance county championship matches. In 1989 a total of 248 hundreds was scored in 226 matches, 199 in 187 championship matches.

Derbyshire	G J Adams	111*	v Cambridge Univ	Fenner's	(m)
Essex	N A Foster	101	v Leicestershire	Chelmsford	(m)
	G A Gooch	137	v Middlesex	Lord's	
		215	v Leicestershire	Chelmsford	
	P J Prichard	245	v Leicestershire	Chelmsford	(c)
Glamorgan	G C Holmes	125*	v Somerset	Cardiff	
	H Morris	103	v Oxford Univ	The Parks	
	I V A Richards	119	v Leicestershire	Cardiff	
Hampshire	K D James	104*	v Kent	Canterbury	
	T C Middleton	127	v Kent	Canterbury	(m)
	C L Smith	148	v Oxford Univ	The Parks	
	V P Terry	107	v Kent	Canterbury	
		112	v Oxford Univ	The Parks	
Kent	M R Benson	109	v Sussex	Folkestone	
	C S Cowdrey	107	v Hampshire	Canterbury	
Lancashire	M A Atherton	191	v Surrey	The Oval	(c)
	N Fairbrother	366	v Surrey	The Oval	(c)
	G D Mendis	102	v Surrey	The Oval	
Leicestershire	N E Briers	104	v Essex	Chelmsford	
	C C Lewis	189*	v Essex	Chelmsford	(m)
Middlesex	K R Brown	141	v Essex	Lord's	(c)
	D L Haynes	116	v Essex	Lord's	
	M R Ramprakash	118*	v Cambridge Univ	Fenner's	
Northamptonshire	A Fordham	206*	v Yorkshire	Headingley	(c)
	A J Lamb	235	v Yorkshire	Headingley	
	A L Penberthy	101*	v Cambridge Univ	Fenner's	(m)
Nottinghamshire	B C Broad	180	v Derbyshire	Trent Bridge	(c)
Somerset	N D Burns	168	v Gloucestershire	Taunton	(c)
	S J Cook	313*	v Glamorgan	Cardiff	(c)
	A N Hayhurst	110*	v Glamorgan	Cardiff	(c)
	C J Tavaré	120*	v Glamorgan	Cardiff	
Surrey	I A Greig	291	v Lancashire	The Oval	(c)
Sussex	P W G Parker	100	v Surrey	Hove	
		107	v Kent	Folkestone	
Warwickshire	Asif Din	100*	v Cambridge Univ	Fenner's	
	T M Moody	147	v Cambridge Univ	Fenner's	
	D A Reeve	102*	v Cambridge Univ	Fenner's	
Worcestershire	D B D'Oliveira	155	v Lancashire	Old Trafford	(c)
	G A Hick	106*	v Lancashire	Old Trafford	
	R Illingworth	117	v Nottinghamshire	Worcester	
	P A Neale	122	v Nottinghamshire	Worcester	

(m) maiden hundred (c) career best

No hundreds have yet been scored by players from Gloucestershire, Yorkshire, Cambridge University or Oxford University

● Compiled by Richard Lockwood

Cowdrey plays his part to the full

By Simon Wilde

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent (2pts) beat Warwickshire by 70 runs

BEING ineligible for England is seemingly an encouragment to some players to embarrass the national selectors. Several who chose to visit South Africa on an unofficial tour early this year have flourished since receiving their five-year bans. Yesterday, a fine all-round performance from Chris Cowdrey, the Kent captain, kept alive his side's hopes of qualifying for the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup. He was made man of the match for a breathtaking innings of 64 and the capture of three wickets for 29.

Kent compiled a formidable total of 265 for eight, but for long it did not appear they would get near even 250. Small and Munton, Warwickshire's opening attack, began tightly. Hinks fell to Small and it was only with a change of bowlers that Benson and Taylor found fluency.

A sure sign that Benson was settling down was the increasing frequency with which he used his straight drive and from a true pitch and over a fast outfield, the boundaries began to flow as the batsmen added 128 in 34 overs.

Cowdrey, who hit the ball with fiersome power, wasted no time playing himself in. He made several unorthodox strokes which succeeded simply because of their power. He and Taylor added 88 in 10 overs, and when Cowdrey was caught behind in the penultimate over of the innings off Reeve, he had faced just 35 balls for his 64.

Merrick, facing the county that released him at the end of last season, bowled with fire, but although Asif Din was dismissed in the eighth over, Warwickshire shaped up well.

The first telling blow came when Davis, Kent's slow left-arm bowler had Moody caught at long-off, but the turning point was the dismissal of Kallicharran.

Ellison was one of two substitutes Kent employed after tea, Marsh and Igglesden having sustained leg injuries. Hinks replaced Marsh as wicketkeeper. Igglesden's injury probably resulted in Cowdrey bowling himself more than he might otherwise have done. He assisted in Warwickshire's swift demise, as the last six wickets fell for 45 runs in less than 10 overs.

KENT

S G Hinks c Humpage b Small	2
M R Benson c Reeve b N M K Smith	85
N R Taylor b Small	90
T R Ward lbw b Small	1
*C S Cowdrey c Humpage b Reeve	64
M V Fleming c Twose b Small	0
†S A Marsh c and b Munton	9
T A Merrick not out	1
A P Igglesden not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 6, nb 1)	13
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	265

R P Davis and M A Ealham did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-142, 3-147, 4-

BOWLING: Small 11-0-38-4; Munton 10-2-39-1; Moody 9-1-50-0; Reeve 9-0-52-1; Smith 10-0-43-1; Booth 4-0-33-0; Twose 2-0-4-0.

WARWICKSHIRE

*T A Lloyd lbw b Cowdrey	72
Asif Din c Marsh b Ealham	9
T M Moody c Ealham b Davis	33
A I Kallicharran c Sub b Ealham	11
†G W Humpage lbw b Merrick	1
D A Reeve c Hinks b Cowdrey	12
R G Twose run out	2
N M K Smith c sub b Davis	11
P A Booth c Merrick b Cowdrey	5
G C Small lbw b Merrick	22
T A Munton not out	1
Extras (b 6, lb 8, w 2)	16
Total (44.4 overs)	195

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-78, 3-111, 4-120, 5-150, 6-152, 7-153, 8-163, 9-186.

BOWLING: Merrick 8.4-2-30-2; Igglesden 5-0-31-0; Ealham 8-0-37-2; Davis 11-0-40-2; Fleming 6-1-14-0; Cowdrey 6-1-29-3.

Gold Award: C S Cowdrey.

Umpires: D J Constant and N T Plews.

Hobbling Haynes guides Middlesex home in a run feast

By John Woodcock

HOVE (Middlesex won toss): Scores tied. Middlesex (2pts) beat Sussex on faster scoring rate over first 30 overs

MIDDLESEX won a capital Benson and Hedges match yesterday with literally nothing to spare. At the finish, the scores were exactly level — 282 for six apiece — but Middlesex prevailed because they were ahead after 30 overs, 125 for two as against 99 for three.

Setting such a target, Sussex must have fancied their chances; but it was the plumbest of pitches, and Desmond Haynes is in prime form. It was he, with his fifth hundred in his last nine innings, who saw Middlesex home.

Gatting stayed with him for a while, as did Ramprakash. When Ramprakash was out, Middlesex needed 73 in 10 overs. But, in the 53rd over, Haynes was caught on the square leg boundary. Finally, it was eight to make off the last over, bowled by Lenham, with Downton and Emburey together. The first five balls all produced a single, the sixth and last, the final frantic two, with Emburey hurling himself for the line to beat Parker's throw from deep mid-off.

Having seen a sea fret coming up the Avenue, Gatting asked Sussex to bat. In the event, the fret turned back; Moores was given an immediate life at the wicket, off a gentle skier, and if by lunch (Sussex 127 for three after 37 overs) there was no guarantee of such a high-scoring match, it was already very much a day for batting. Splendidly as the Wells brothers were to play in the afternoon, Sussex owed quite as much to Moores, who was responsible for giving them a start. With the bottom hand in firm control, he had scored 76 out of 98 when he was third out in the thirtieth over, bowled by Haynes.

After lunch, Sussex flew along. Speight struck the early blows, but it was the driving of Colin Wells which finally made the difference between a good Sussex score and a very good one. It was tremendous stuff. Cowans was taken for 21 in an over, and the catch which Butcher took off the last ball of the innings, running at full tilt along the mid-wicket boundary, brought a notable piece of batting to a spectacular conclusion. In 18 overs after lunch, Sussex had added 155 runs.

For Middlesex, Haynes took over where Colin Wells had left off, playing with the confidence of someone who is finding it difficult to get out. After Roseberry had gone to a good, sharp slip catch in the fourth over, Haynes and Gatting added 96. They looked to be winning the match much as they pleased until Gatting went to hit Hansford over his head and sent a steepler to extra cover instead.

Haynes had been slowed down a little by now by the need for a runner. He had damaged a knee. But he likes batting too much not to adapt to that. And in the end, Middlesex just made it.

SUSSEX

N J Lenham c Emburey b Williams	3
†P Moores b Haynes	76
*P W G Parker c Downton b Gatting	7
A P Wells c Ramprakash b Williams	74
M P Speight c Roseberry b Hughes	43
C M Wells c Butcher b Emburey	59
I J Gould not out	12
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 1, nb 4)	8
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	282

A I C Dodemaide, J A North, A R Hansford and A R Clarke did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-64, 3-98, 4-197, 5-249, 6-282.

BOWLING: Cowans 11-0-66-0; Williams 10-1-45-2; Gatting 8-0-41-1; Hughes 11-0-47-1; Emburey 11-0-57-1; Haynes 4-0-23-1.

MIDDLESEX

D L Haynes c A P Wells b Hansford	131
M A Roseberry c Gould b C M Wells	1
*M W Gatting c Parker b Hansford	54
M R Ramprakash c Moores b Dodemaide	44
K R Brown b North	12
R O Butcher b Dodemaide	5
†P R Downton not out	15
J E Emburey not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 11, w 2, nb 2)	16
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	282

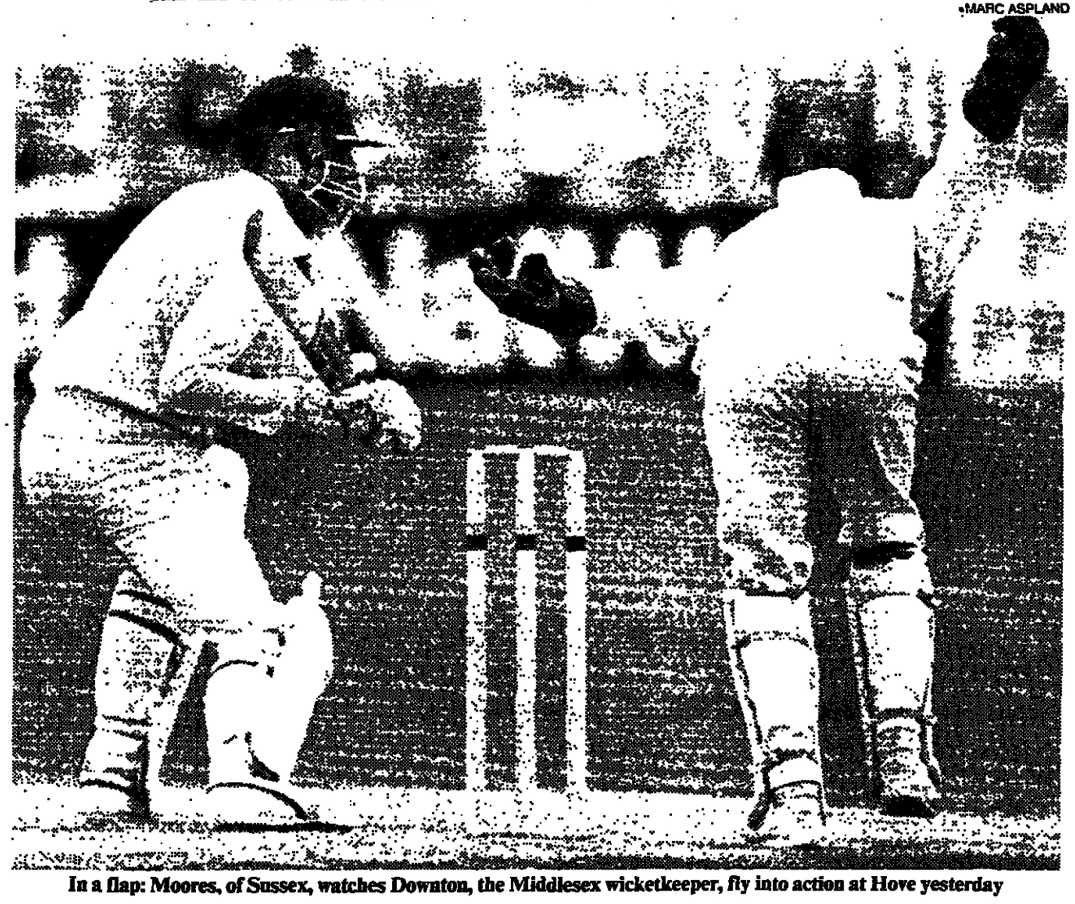
N F Williams, S P Hughes and N G Cowans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-110, 3-210, 4-229, 5-234, 6-269.

BOWLING: Dodemaide 11-0-36-2; C M Wells 11-2-45-1; North 8-0-48-1; Hansford 11-0-55-2; Clarke 11-0-70-0; Lenham 3-0-16-0.

Gold Award: D L Haynes.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J D Bond.



In a flap: Moores, of Sussex, watches Downton, the Middlesex wicketkeeper, fly into action at Hove yesterday

MARC ASPLAND

Gooch gains gold as Essex ease into the quarter-finals

By Ivo Tennant

NORTHAMPTON (Essex won toss): Essex (2pts) beat Northamptonshire by eight wickets

ESSEX will have no easier victory than this all season. There were 16 overs of their innings still remaining when Graham Gooch won the match, and a place for his county in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals, with his thirteenth four. He finished six runs short of a century.

Gooch earned his eighteenth gold award, which probably means he has a record which will stand as long as Sir Leonard Hutton's 364 did at the Oval. Only Stephenson, who took three Northamptonshire middle-order wickets in nine balls, could have upstaged his captain.

Looking to shepherd Essex along at only three runs an over, Gooch had little need to resort to anything extravagant. He merely shifted his weight from foot to foot and picked out advertising hoardings. There was just one forced stroke, his first scoring shot off Ambrose, in an innings in which he faced 125 balls.

Hardie rode his luck against Capel in making 82 for the first wicket, with the England captain, in 19 overs. Two or three balls in this spell were genuinely quick. Northamptonshire, though, dropped three catches and, with Ambrose not at his most penetrative, Prichard and then Waugh gave Gooch the requisite support.

Northamptonshire are nothing if not inconsistent. Only they, brimming with Test players, could have been out for 50 last week while all about them double and triple centuries were being struck. They collapsed again yesterday, inexplicably even when taking into account some low bounce and early movement off the seam.

Larkins has lost his confidence and, with it, seemingly, his footwork. When he shuffled too far across his stumps and was leg-before to Pringle, he had recorded only 97 runs in eight innings this season.

Cook, no longer opening in what is likely to be his swansong, made 28 in 23 overs and, with Lamb still incapacitated, the middle-order proved brittle. Lamb, incidentally, hopes to have recovered from his torn hamstring by next week.

Of the remainder of the Northamptonshire batting, Capel and Bailey both went to Stephenson's gentle change bowling when driving improvidently. Much the same applied to Wild.

Ripley pulled Ilott for six before going the same way, lofting at Foster. Thomas and Govan had ideas beyond their ability.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

*W Larkins lbw b Pringle	20
A Fordham c Topley b Foster	9
G Cook b Childs	28
R J Bailey c Prichard b Stephenson	29
D J Capel c Waugh b Stephenson	12
D J Wild b Stephenson	0
†D Ripley c Garnham b Foster	27
J G Thomas c Waugh b Pringle	3
J W Govan c Gooch b Foster	11
C E L Ambrose run out	12
M A Robinson not out	0
Extras (lb 10, w 6)	16
Total (53.3 overs)	167

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-43, 3-79, 4-100, 5-107, 6-108, 7-116, 8-146, 9-161.

BOWLING: Foster 10-2-18-3; Ilott 9-1-39-0; Topley 11-1-25-0; Pringle 10.3-1-28-2; Childs 6-0-25-1; Stephenson 7-0-22-3.

ESSEX

*G A Gooch not out	94
B R Hardie c Larkins b Robinson	27
P J Prichard c Larkins b Ambrose	26
M E Waugh not out	8
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 5, nb 5)	13
Total (2 wkts, 38.3 overs)	168

J P Stephenson, †M A Garnham, D R Pringle, T D Topley, N A Foster, J H Childs and M C Ilott did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-151.

BOWLING: Ambrose 11-0-35-1; Capel 6-0-24-0; Robinson 7.3-0-35-1; Thomas 8-0-48-0; Govan 1-0-3-0; Wild 5-2-20-0.

Gold Award: G A Gooch.

Umpires: J H Harris and R A White.

Few more nuggets for Fairbrother

By Jack Bailey

OLD TRAFFORD (Hampshire won toss): Lancashire have scored 142 for two wickets from 27 overs

THE rich vein mined by Neil Fairbrother at the Oval, with his 336, was still producing a few nuggets at Old Trafford. Play had been held up for most of the day and Lancashire were languishing at 16 for two from six overs when Fairbrother entered the fray at 6pm.

An hour and a half and 21 overs later, he had made 82 runs, Lancashire had scored 142 without further loss and Hampshire were pondering the catch put down at cover off Shine which would have sent Fairbrother back for six and helped them retain a strong initiative.

As it was, Fairbrother seized on this benevolence from the gods and punished not only Hampshire, as he raced past his half century from 41 balls, but the unfortunate Shine. Shine had taken the first two wickets: Fowler, neatly picked up at ankle height by Nicholas at close square leg, Mendis caught at long leg from an outrageous long hop.

Now, Fairbrother took him for 18 from an over. With Atherton's graceful competence to accompany him during a century partnership, the little left-hander was off and running.

Hampshire need to win this match to have a chance of going further in this competition and Marshall's lively early spell, coupled with Shine's wickets gave them room for hope. Now, it is in the lap of the gods — and they seem to be on Fairbrother's side.

LANCASHIRE

G D Mendis c R A Smith b Shine	4
G Fowler c Nicholas b Shine	1
M A Atherton not out	49
N H Fairbrother not out	82
Extras (lb 6, w 3, nb 3)	12
Total (2 wkts, 27 overs)	142

M Watkinson, *D P Hughes, P A J DeFreitas, I D Austin, P J W Allott, †W K Hegg and B P Patterson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-16.

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry, C L Smith, D I Gower, R A Smith, *M C J Nicholas, R J Scott, M D Marshall, J R Ayling, †R J Parks, R J Maru and C A Connor.

Umpires: D O Oslear and D S Thompsett.

OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Scotland v Notts

GLASGOW (Nottinghamshire won toss): Scotland, with six wickets in hand, are 115 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire

SCOTLAND

I L Philip lbw b Pick	16
C G Greenidge c Cooper b Stephenson	1
*R S Swan not out	42
B W Patterson run out	22
M J Smith lbw b Saxelby	0
O Henry not out	14
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 4, nb 1)	13
Total (4 wkts, 37 overs)	115

D Brown, †D J Haggo, D Cowan, J D Moir and C L Parritt to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-46, 3-46, 4-61.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

B C Broad, *R T Robinson, P Pollard, P Johnson, D W Randall, F D Stephenson, †B N French, K E Cooper, R A Pick, J A Afford, K Saxelby.

Umpires: K Lyons and B Leadbeater.

Somerset v Minor Co

TAUNTON (Minor Counties won toss): Somerset (2pts) beat Minor Counties by six wickets

MINOR COUNTIES

G K Brown c Tavaré b Rose	4
M J Roberts lbw b Jones	7
N A Folland lbw b Hayhurst	16
*S G Plumb st Burns b Swallow	63
T A Lester c Burns b Lefebvre	14
S Greensword c Cook b Swallow	10
D R Thomas not out	49
†A R Fothergill not out	45
Extras (b 5, lb 11, w 16)	32
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	240

N R Taylor, R C Green and A J Mack did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-17, 3-51, 4-77, 5-102, 6-160.

BOWLING: Jones 11-1-63-1; Rose 11-2-31-1; Hallett 2-0-18-0; Lefebvre 11-0-44-1; Hayhurst 11-0-36-1; Swallow 9-0-32-2.

SOMERSET

S J Cook b Mack	27
P M Roebuck c Fothergill b Mack	13
*C J Tavaré c Fothergill b Mack	29
A N Hayhurst lbw b Taylor	76
R J Harden not out	53
G D Rose not out	26
Extras (lb 6, w 6, nb 5)	17
Total (4 wkts, 51.4 overs)	241

†N D Burns, R P Lefebvre, A N Jones, I G Swallow, J C Hallett did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-45, 3-107, 4-192.

BOWLING: Taylor 11-2-50-2; Green 10.4-0-57-0; Mack 9-0-22-2; Thomas 5-0-29-0; Greensword 7-0-34-0; Plumb 9-0-43-0.

Gold Award: A N Hayhurst.

Umpires: S B Hassan and K E Palmer.

Yorks v Comb Univs

HEADINGLEY (Combined Universities won toss): Yorkshire, with two wickets in hand, are 197 runs ahead of Combined Universities

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon run out	4
A A Metcalfe c Boling b Crawford	11
†R J Blakey run out	65
S A Kellett c Boling b Smith	29
P E Robinson c Tolley b Van der Merwe	57
C White run out	1
P Carrick c James b Smith	8
A Sidebottom not out	9
P J Hartley c Orrel b Van der Merwe	0
P W Jarvis not out	2
Extras (lb 9, w 2)	11
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	197

S D Fletcher did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-17, 3-76, 4-166, 5-167, 6-180, 7-190, 8-190.

BOWLING: Van der Merwe 11-3-34-2; Tolley 11-3-38-0; Crawley 11-2-21-1; Dale 8-1-38-0; Smith 11-0-46-2; Boling 3-0-11-0.

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES

S P James, T Orrell, J I Longley, *M A Crawley, C M Tolley, A Dale, J C M Atkinson, †R J Turner, W H van der Merwe, J Boling and M Smith.

Umpires: B J Meyer and J C Balderstone.

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP TABLES

GROUP A

	P	W	L	Pts
Glamorgan	3	3	0	6
Worcs	3	2	1	4
Kent	2	1	1	2
Glouos	2	0	2	0
Warwicks	2	0	2	0

GROUP B

	P	W	L	Pts
Middlesex	2	2	0	4
Somerset	2	2	0	4
Sussex	3	2	1	4
Derby	2	0	2	0
M Counties	3	0	3	0

GROUP C

	P	W	L	Pts
Lancs	2	2	0	4
Surrey	2	1	1	2
Yorkshire	1	1	0	2
Comb Univs	1	0	1	0
Hampshire	2	0	2	0

GROUP D

	P	W	L	Pts
Essex	3	3	0	6
Northants	2	1	1	2
Notts	2	1	1	2
Scotland	1	0	1	0
Leics	2	0	2	0

Hayhurst puts Somerset on the right path

By Geoff Wheeler

Somerset cantered past Minor Counties by six wickets in yesterday's Benson and Hedges Cup game at Taunton despite gifting their amateur opponents 16 wides and dropping five catches. Minor Counties, after being held together by a resourceful 63 by their skipper, Steve Plumb, plundered 80 from their last 11 overs as their seventh-wicket pair, Norfolk all-rounder David Thomas and the Durham wicketkeeper Andy Fothergill, went on the rampage.

Somerset, needing 241, lost Cook and Roebuck in scoring 45 and had Hayhurst not been missed before he had scored, might have struggled. But the former Lancashire player went on to make 76 and put victory was in sight.

Yorkshire's third-wicket pair, Blakey and Robinson, who both made half centuries, extricated their side from a position of some embarrassment against Combined Universities at Headingley. After being put in, Yorkshire lost Moxon and Metcalfe in making 17 and had already used up 25 overs in scoring 48 when rain caused a lengthy interruption.

Kellett was third out at 76, with the rate barely over two an over, before Blakey and Robinson accelerated in a stand of 90 which enabled Yorkshire to reach a defendable total of 197 for eight.

Play did not start until 5pm at Glasgow where Nottinghamshire put Scotland in and dismissed Greenidge for a single, Cooper taking a good catch at long leg. Scotland, kept on a tight rein, are 115 for four from 37 overs.

Close apologizes for TV comments

By Martin Searby

YORKSHIRE, deeply embarrassed by comments made by Brian Close, the chairman of their cricket committee, during a BBC documentary last week, yesterday pressed the former county and England captain into an apology.

In the programme, titled "The Race Game," Close referred to "bloody Pakis" and made the distinction between "them and our lads".

He said yesterday: "In the 40 years since I first pulled on a Yorkshire sweater, I have played all over the world and never sought to distinguish between players on the basis of nationality or colour and my sole interest has been in their ability and the way they behave towards me.

"I therefore want to apologize for the fact that something I said during the course of a lengthy interview, part of which was recently broadcast on television, has embarrassed the Yorkshire club and its members and upset my many friends in the various communities by suggesting we are biased.

"Nothing could be further from the truth. For some years now we have taken many initiatives to find players from all the Yorkshire communities and we want everyone to know that the only grounds upon which we discriminate are those of ability.

"These initiatives have been notified to the Press on many occasions and I regret that what I said was in a moment of frustration at the fact that what we are doing appears to be ignored. One day non-white Yorkshiremen will play for the club and they will do so on merit and no other basis. When that happens no one will be happier than me."

Yorkshire are disappointed that little record has been made of the fact they circulated to every club in the county, some 6,000 of them, letters in Urdu, Bengali and Gujerati inviting youngsters to their Cricket Academy at the Bradford Park Avenue ground for appraisal. However, only 15 from the ethnic minorities that dominate large parts of west Yorkshire turned up.

Hadlee's arrival gives heart to Irish game

THE appearance of Richard Hadlee, albeit in the autumn of a wonderful career, with the New Zealand party that arrived in Northern Ireland yesterday for two one-day matches is a tremendous boost to cricket on this side of the Irish Sea (George Ace writes).

He has not played in the two tour matches to date, but is certain to take part in one, if not both, the games against Ireland at Downpatrick and Belfast.

Hadlee will find the relaxed attitude to the game in Ireland to his liking, but the Irish will still compete fiercely and look to Raman Lamba, the former Indian Test player who is the first overseas professional to play for Ireland, to stiffen their batting.

The 55-over match at Downpatrick today starts at 11am while the game at Ormeau, Belfast, tomorrow, when 60 overs are on the menu, starts at 10.30am.

John Bracewell, the New Zealand off spinner, is in danger of missing the two Texaco Trophy one-day internationals against England at Headingley, on May 23, and the Oval two days later.

Bracewell sustained a small fracture at the tip of his middle finger attempting to take a catch in Sunday's opening tour match at Arundel and could be out for three weeks.

Bain Clarkson Trophy

RICHMOND: Middlesex 214-8 (P Farbrace 52, Aftab Habib 50 not out); Kent 216-4 (V J Wells 91 not out). Kent won by 6 wkts.

LEICESTER: Yorkshire 204-9 (N G Nicholson 78, M Doidge 57). Leicestershire 195-9 (P N Hepworth 80, R A Cobb 64; D Byas 4-23). Yorkshire won by 9 runs.

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FOOTBALL

Scots kept guessing as Roxburgh names constricted squad

By Roddy Forsyth

WHEN Scotland take the field against Egypt and Poland next week in their final two World Cup preparatory matches on home soil, they will employ players drawn from a squad of only 16 players. In the natural course of events, these men would be entitled to assume that they would form the nucleus of the 22-strong pool which will be named by Andy Roxburgh, the national coach, before the Scots leave for their acclimatization trip to Malta on May 25.

However, Roxburgh has sensibly cultivated sufficient doubt to keep his troops alert to the possibility that their passages to Italy will not be finalized until May 27, when all of the World Cup squads must be registered with FIFA. One such is Cooper, the former Rangers winger now enjoying an Indian summer with Motherwell.

At the age of 34, Cooper has won extensive praise recently for his highly individual brand of close control and, as Roxburgh conceded, Scotland are not overburdened with talent in that department, particularly since he appears to feel that neither Nevin, of Everton, nor Gallacher, of Coventry City, has produced the kind of consistency required to justify his inclusion in the travelling party to Genoa.

Nevertheless, Cooper cannot yet assume that his passport is definitely bound to accumulate another frontier stamp. "Davie [Cooper] is in the squad because he has abilities which are very important to us," Roxburgh said yesterday. "He is authentically left-footed, he is particularly excellent at dead-ball situations and his control is first class as we have always known.

"We feel that this is just the time of year for him and that the conditions will be ideal for his kind of skill, the ball being played on top of the surface rather than through wind and mud and rain. We brought him in against Norway in the final qualifying match, but he got a pelvic injury which kept him out against Argentina and he was not fit enough to play against East Germany, so now we are going to have another look at him to find out if his stamina and state of mind are up to it."

Malpas, the Dundee United full back, is another whose return is considered to be an important supplement to a comparitively limited unit in international terms. A nasty leg injury sustained last month made his participation questionable, but he has made an impressive recovery, and Roxburgh said: "Maurice has been one of our most consistent performers and he just needs some games to tune him up. The same applies to Gary Gillespie, who we watched for Liverpool against Coventry on Saturday and who, by all accounts, was excellent."

The squad does not include any Manchester United players, who have, of course, a prior club commitment in the next few days, as do Aitken, of Newcastle United, and McLeod, of Borussia Dortmund, and when their names are added to yesterday's list it is not difficult to believe that the Scottish pool for Italy virtually assembles itself.

Roxburgh, however, said: "I still have an open mind and there are a whole lot of lads on the fringe of things who are still very much in contention for World Cup places.

SCOTLAND SQUAD: B Gunn (Norwich City), A Goram (Hibernian); S McKimmie (Aberdeen), D Malpas (Dundee United), A McLeish (Aberdeen), R Gough (Rangers), G Gillespie (Liverpool), C Levein (Heart of Midlothian), J Bett (Aberdeen), P McStay (Celtic), G McAllister (Leicester City), S McCall (Everton), D Cooper (Motherwell), G Durie (Chelsea), M Johnston (Rangers), A McCoist (Rangers).

Duncan is dismissed by Ipswich Town

By Louise Taylor

JOHN Duncan, of Ipswich Town, yesterday became the 29th League manager to lose his job in a season during which almost a third of his counterparts at the 92 clubs have been similarly dismissed.

Ipswich finished ninth in the second division, five points adrift of a play-off position, and Duncan had recently been the subject of protests from supporters impatient for the promotion, which he had failed to achieve in three years at Portman Road.

Patrick Cobbold, the chairman, spoke of "a hard decision" and an "amicable parting" yesterday. Duncan, aged 41, will be fully compensated for the year outstanding on his contract. Peter Trevivian, the first-team coach, will act as caretaker manager until a new appointment is made.

Formerly a forward with Dundee, Tottenham Hotspur, and Derby County, Duncan was previously in charge of Scunthorpe, Hartlepool, and Chesterfield.

Everton yesterday announced that they had rejected an official transfer request by Neville Southall, the Welsh international goalkeeper.

However, despite Everton's insistence that Southall will be remaining at Goodison Park to honour what is one of the longest and most financially rewarding contracts in British football, it does seem highly probable that he has played his last game for the club.

Everton's policy of releasing unsettled players is well known, and the rather surprising decision to make public the news of Southall's current disenchantment can only be construed as an attempt to convince the club's supporters that everything possible is being done to keep him on Merseyside.

Southall, aged 31, signed a 7½-year contract in December 1988, but in November last year he said he felt a change of club would help to further his career.

Talks about Southall's future have been held at boardroom level over the past few days. But the issuing of a statement at a time when little, or nothing, had been resolved will undoubtedly have shocked the player and Neil Ramsey, his agent, both of whom declined to make any comment yesterday.

The statement said that the matter was now closed and that "no further discussion is necessary".

Despite Everton's announcement, Southall is likely to see another meeting with Harvey upon his return from a club tour of the Far East on May 24.

Should Everton decide to sell a player who is widely regarded as the finest goalkeeper in Europe, they could expect to collect a British record transfer fee of around £2.5 million.

Chelsea have agreed to transfer-list Steve Clarke, the Scottish international right back, at his own request.

Colchester United could earn a reprieve from relegation to the GM Vauxhall Conference if, as expected, Aldershot are wound up by the end of this week. Steve Godwin, of the company advising Aldershot, said: "It is a matter of a few days, it looks pretty bleak. Unless someone comes up with the money the club will fold."

De Mos is desperate for revenge

GOTHENBURG (Reuter) — Ad de Mos, the Anderlecht coach, wants revenge when his side meet Sampdoria, of Italy, in the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup here tonight.

De Mos was seated in the dugout, as coach of Mechelen, another Belgian club, when they were defeated by Sampdoria in the semi-final of the same tournament last season.

"Sampdoria are still the same; perhaps a bit stronger because they now know each other better," he said.

De Mos, a Dutchman, was upset not only by the defeat but also by what he considered overly physical Sampdoria tactics in the return leg in Italy.

"This time, it will be different," he said. "There's now just one match."

ANDERLECHT (from): F De Wilde, R Stojic; A Van Tiggelen, G Grun, W Kooiman, S Keshi, G Marchoul, D Van Durme, A Gudjohnsen, M Jankovic, P Vervoort, L Oliveira, C Musonda, M Degryse, M Van der Linden, G Verheyen, L Nilis, P Osundu.

SAMPDORIA (probable): G Pagliuca; M Lanna, A Carboni; F Pari, P Vierchowod, G Invernizzi, A Lombardo, S Katanec, G Vialli, R Mancini, G Dossena.

Minister acts over Irish hotel dispute

FRANK Fahey, the Irish Minister for Sport, had a meeting with World Cup officials in Rome yesterday in an effort to settle a dispute over hotel accommodation for the Republic of Ireland squad in Cagliari.

Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, asked Fahey to intervene in the long-standing wrangle, which has taken some of the gloss off the Republic's achievement in qualifying for the World Cup finals for the first time.

World Cup officials in Cagliari say that the Republic's original hotel booking was cancelled for security reasons, but claim they had offered excellent alternative accommodation.

Meanwhile, barely a month before their opening game of the finals against England, Jack Charlton's players are in dispute with the Football Association of Ireland over money.

The players are seeking a package worth 750,000 punts (£715,000), while the FAI is sticking to an offer of around 250,000 punts. The squad believes the package should take into account qualifying games and the build-up to the finals. The Association says the bonus only covers the finals.

Blackburn Rovers have withdrawn Kevin Moran and Frank Stapleton from Charlton's squad for the exhibition against Finland in Dublin next Wednesday. Both players are wanted by Rovers for their second-division play-off game at Swindon the same night. Swindon also look likely to pull out Alan McLoughlin, their midfield player.

Finland have named the first 12 players in a projected squad of 16 for the game with the Republic. The Finns are awaiting the outcome of games in West Germany and Belgium before naming the full squad.

● If Crystal Palace beat Manchester United in the FA Cup final on Saturday charity will benefit by £3,300. Nigel Martyn, the Palace goalkeeper placed a £50 bet, donated by Ladbrokes, the bookmakers, before the third round when Palace were 66-1 outsiders.

Third division crowds rise

By Louise Taylor

SURPRISINGLY, the loss of Sheffield United, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Port Vale to the second division a year ago failed to have a negative impact on overall attendances in the third division this season.

At the end of a campaign in which total League attendances reached their highest level for eight years, the third division threatend to buck the trend with 13 of its 24 clubs experiencing less traffic at the turnstiles than during 1988-89.

However, the 11 others compensated for the shortfall, leaving total average third division attendances up by just over 2,000 on last season. This was thanks largely to healthy individual average increases of almost 3,500 at Bristol City and more than 2,000 at both Tranmere Rovers and Birmingham City.

By contrast, 14 of the 24 fourth division sides enjoyed a rise in their average attendance, the most healthy occurring at Exeter City, Carlisle United, Grimsby Town, Maidstone United, Peterborough United, Scunthorpe United and Stockport County.

The GM Vauxhall Conference followed the general trend, its total attendance figure for the season of 659,835 being a record high and an improvement of nearly 83,000 on the previous best established two years ago.

The average gate was 1,428 — a nine per cent increase on last season — and the fourth successive rise. Twelve clubs enjoyed individual improvements, the outstanding examples being at Farnborough Town where, despite relegation, gates rose by 66 per cent, and Darlington, up 55 per cent on 1988-89, when they were in the fourth division.

ATTENDANCES IN THE 1988-89 AND 1989-90 SEASONS

THIRD DIVISION

	1988-89		1989-90		
Club	Total	Avge	Total	Avge	Diff
Birmingham	144,095	6,265	195,881	8,516	+2,251
Blackpool	98,348	4,276	93,328	4,058	-218
Bolton	127,144	5,528	159,178	6,921	+1,393
Brentford	130,663	5,681	130,206	5,661	-20
Bristol C	186,760	8,120	265,508	11,544	+3,424
Bristol R	120,957	5,259	143,066	6,220	+961
Bury	77,441	3,367	77,857	3,385	+18
Cardiff	100,832	4,384	83,756	3,641	-743
Chester	70,265	3,055	72,186	3,138	+83
Crewe	75,808	3,296	92,177	4,008	+712
Fulham	113,574	4,938	103,128	4,484	-454
Huddersfield	133,883	5,821	129,493	5,630	-191
L Orient	87,239	3,793	100,397	4,365	+572
Mansfield	92,115	4,005	71,901	3,126	-879
Northampton	90,114	3,918	73,214	3,183	-735
Notts County	130,525	5,675	134,568	5,851	+176
Preston	177,951	7,737	145,180	6,312	-1,425
Reading	117,415	5,105	93,832	4,080	-1,025
Rotherham	116,449	5,063	128,254	5,576	+513
Shrewsbury	108,238	4,706	80,161	3,485	-1,221
Swansea	112,606	4,896	96,936	4,215	-681
Tranmere	122,613	5,331	171,257	7,446	+2,115
Walsall	140,484	6,108	93,778	4,077	-2,031
Wigan	72,473	3,151	63,672	2,768	-383

FOURTH DIVISION

	1988-89		1989-90		
Club	Total	Avge	Total	Avge	Diff
Aldershot	60,007	2,609	46,529	2,023	-586
Burnley	162,426	7,062	143,014	6,218	-844
Cambridge	61,019	2,653	77,211	3,357	+704
Carlisle	73,048	3,176	108,905	4,735	+1,559
Chesterfield	85,491	3,717	96,163	4,181	+464
Colchester	66,539	2,893	72,634	3,158	+265
Doncaster	49,634	2,158	62,290	2,708	+550
Exeter	61,617	2,679	111,588	4,851	+2,172
Gillingham	84,525	3,675	88,260	3,837	+162
Grimsby	98,946	4,302	136,928	5,953	+1,651
Halifax	44,758	1,946	43,433	1,888	-58
Hartlepool	47,104	2,048	58,334	2,536	+488
Hereford	49,036	2,132	61,973	2,694	+562
Lincoln	89,401	3,887	93,629	4,070	+183
Maidstone	20,740	1,037	55,856	2,428	+1,391
Peterborough	75,072	3,264	111,002	4,826	+1,562
Rochdale	45,264	1,968	46,600	2,026	+58
Scarborough	68,103	2,961	53,470	2,324	-637
Scunthorpe	104,581	4,547	81,007	3,522	-1,025
Southend	85,077	3,699	85,073	3,698	-1
Stockport	64,216	2,792	88,716	3,857	+1,065
Torquay	54,027	2,349	49,091	2,134	-215
Wrexham	60,628	2,636	54,450	2,367	-269
York	60,099	2,613	60,081	2,613	-1

Three left out for exhibition with Uruguay

THREE players who played for Northern Ireland in their 3-2 defeat by Norway at Windsor Park in March have been left out for the game against Uruguay on May 17 at the same venue (George Ace writes).

Missing are Paul Kee, John McClelland and Jimmy Quinn.

For the under-23 match against the Republic of Ireland on Tuesday, six Irish league players have been picked.

NORTHERN IRELAND SQUAD: T Wright (Newcastle United), A McKnight (West Ham United), M Donaghy (Manchester United), C Hill (Sheffield United), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), A McDonald (Queen's Park Rangers), C Clarke (Queen's Park Rangers), G Taggart (Barnsley), G Fleming (Barnsley), D Wilson (Luton Town), K Black (Luton Town), I Dowie (Luton Town), D McCreery (Heart of Midlothian), R Dennison (Wolverhampton Wanderers), J Magilton (Liverpool), S McNally (West Bromwich Albion), K Wilson (Chelsea), A Rogan (Celtic).

NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER-23 SQUAD: A McKnight (West Ham United), A Fettis (Ards), P Major (Portadown), P Agnew (Grimsby Town), S Morrow (Arsenal), A Hannigan (Arsenal), A Scappaticci (Glenavon), M Todd (Sheffield United), N Baillie (Linfield), N Matthews (Blackpool), P Millar (Port Vale), P Gray (Luton Town), J Devine (Glentoran), R Campbell (Glentoran), P Grey (Tottenham Hotspurs), M Hughes (Manchester City), N Lennon (Manchester City).

RUGBY UNION

TONY LARKIN

Happy: Moore with his award at the Whitbread/Rugby World and Post lunch yesterday

Moore player of the year

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

BRIAN Moore, whose single-minded commitment to success has made him an automatic ingredient of England packs for the last three years — and of the British Isles international XV last summer — was named player of the year at the Whitbread/*Rugby World and Post* annual awards ceremony and lunch in London yesterday.

The Nottingham hooker, who played his last game for the Midlands club last month before moving to London where he will play for Harlequins next season, was named ahead of five colleagues on last year's Lions tour: Mike Teague and Rory Underwood (England), David Sole and John Jeffrey (Scotland) and Robert Jones (Wales) while Kenny Murphy, the Constitution full back, was Ireland's nominee both for player of the year and most promising newcomer.

It was the second successive year that an English player captured the title — Andy Robinson (Bath) was the 1989 player of the year — even though England on both occasions missed five-nations championship honours.

The compensation for Scotland, winners of the 1990 grand slam, was that Ian McGeechan was coach of the year, Tony Stanger, the young Hawick wing who has scored six tries in his first six internationals and has yet to know defeat, was voted the most promising newcomer and Paul Burnell, the London Scottish tight-head prop, was named unsung hero of the year.

Other awards: international player of the year — John Gallagher (New Zealand); senior club — Neath; junior club — North Walsham; youth team — Tondu; school team — Oundle; referee of the year — Fred Howard (England); services to rugby — Bob Weighill; services to journalism — Clem Thomas (*The Observer*); photographer of the year — Chris Turvey (*Today*).

Bath, not among the awards on this occasion, will close this season with an attempt upon the Russell Cargill Trophy at the Middlesex sevens on Saturday. Their team will include Audley Lumsden, the full back who last year received such a severe neck injury it was feared he would not play again; he will be joined by Stuart Barnes, Andy Robinson, Jeremy Guscott and Kevin Withey, all of whom shared in the Pilkington Cup triumph, also at Twickenham, last weekend.

Dean Richards, the England No 8 who spent all but the first fortnight of this season recovering from a shoulder injury, will captain Leicester next season.

TENNIS

Success for Becker after early lapse

HAMBURG (AP) — Boris Becker, the top seed, struggled early but raised his game after an hour to overcome the Italian, Paolo Cane, 7-5, 6-1 and reach the third round of the German Open men's here tournament yesterday.

After receiving a bye into the second round, Becker drew a capacity crowd of more than 10,000 to the Rothenbaum Tennis Club's centre court.

The Italian tested Becker's patience by engaging him in long base-line rallies and Becker was often forced into errors. For a while, the German's mistakes caused him problems: leading 3-2 in the first set with a break of serve under his belt, Becker double-faulted twice to lose the sixth game and his advantage.

Becker's breakthrough came when he broke Cane's serve in the eleventh game of the first set to lead 6-5. He was hardly troubled from then on.

Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden, seeded fifteenth, advanced to the second round by defeating Sergei Bruguera, of Spain, 6-2, 6-4. The fifth seed, Jay Berger, of the United States, beat Patrik Kuehnen, the West German, 6-2, 6-2, and his compatriot, Jim Courier, the tenth seed, breezed into the third round with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Paul Haarhuis, of The Netherlands.

RESULTS: Men's singles: First round: P Kühnen (WG) bt T Champion (Fr), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; F Davin (Arg) bt C Bergstroem (Swe), 7-5, 6-2; J Aguilera (Sp) bt G Ivanisevic (Yug), 6-4, 6-1; J Wöhrmann (WG) bt A Mancini (Arg), 6-0, 6-2; J Arias (US) bt M Jaite (Arg), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; D Perez (Uru) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; J Hlasek (Switz) bt M Stich (WG), 7-6, 6-4; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt S Bruguera (Sp), 6-2, 6-4; G Forget (Fr) bt K Novacek (Cz), 6-4, 7-5; R Agenor (Haiti) bt E Jelen (WG), 7-5, 6-4; C-U Steeb (WG) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; R Azar (Arg) bt J Fleurian (Fr), 7-6, 1-6, 6-4; A Cherkasov (USSR) bt M Zocka (WG), 6-2, 6-2. Second round: B Becker (WG) bt P Cane (It), 7-5, 6-1; J Courier (US) bt P Haarhuis (Neth), 6-2, 6-1.

● MELBOURNE: Sharp increases in prize-money offered by Wimbledon and the French Open have left organizers of the Australian Open championship wondering whether it can still compete as a grand slam tournament (Reuter reports).

Jim Reid, the tournament's general manager, said yesterday that increases in prize-money for Wimbledon and the French Open this year to about US$5.4 million had destroyed any hopes the Melbourne tournament had of competing in cash terms.

Reid added that he expected the US Open this year to increase prize-money from the $5 million in 1989 to match the other events.

Kruger upsets fancied seed in first round

MACARENO Miranda, from Chile, was the first seeded player to fall in the Hi-Tec spring satellite circuit tournament at Swansea yesterday.

She went down in three sets in the first round to Jenette Kruger, of South Africa, who showed her prowess by reaching the quarter-finals at Lee-on-the-Solent last week.

RESULTS: Men's singles: First round: D Balducci (It) bt N Dyson (Middx), 6-4, 6-4; O Fuchs (Aus) bt J Vekemans (Neth), 3-6, 7-5, 6-1; C Wilkinson (Hants) bt H Mair (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; J Cask (Aus) bt I Peter-Budge (Aus), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; M Petkov (Bul) bt K Outaleb (Mor), 6-1, 7-5; M Naewie (WG) bt G Guerrero (Arg) 6-2, 6-4; M Damm (Cz) bt P Hand (GB), 6-2, 6-4; K Alami (Mor) bt L Matthews (GB), 6-1, 7-5; J Leclercq (Fr) bt M MacGlagan (GB), 6-3, 6-1; D Ison (Leics) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor) 7-5, 6-0; G Schaap (Neth) bt C Beecher (GB), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; H Chousa (Arg) bt J Lenton (GB), 6-2, 6-2. Women's singles: First round: N Housset (Fr) bt A Scott (Aus), 7-6, 6-2; P Sorensen (Den) bt T Stroenberg (Swe), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; J Kruger (SA) bt M Miranda (Chile), 0-6, 6-0, 6-4; K Sharpe (Aus) bt C Hall (GB), 6-2, 6-1; S Bentley (GB) bt K Ptaszek (Den), 6-1, 6-2; A Thomas (Fr) bt N Biletskaia (USSR), 2-6, 7-5, 7-6; K Habsudova (Cz) bt T Buss (Br), 6-2, 6-0; P Moreno (HK) bt F Alexandra (Fr), 7-5, 6-3; E Ordmaga (Sp) bt N Souto (Sp), 2-6, 6-3, 7-5; V Humphreys-Davies (GB) bt C Bernstein (Swe), 6-4, 6-3; A Benzon (It) bt K Hand (GB), 6-4, 6-3; R Bobkova (Cz) bt N Pratt (Aus), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

ATHLETICS

O'Reilly rules himself out

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

MIKE O'Reilly, whose fifth place in the ADT London Marathon last month aroused the interest of Britain's selectors after the worst showing by home athletes in the race's 10-year history, said yesterday that he did not wish to be considered for the European championship in Split this summer.

O'Reilly was selected by Ireland for the world championship in 1987 but, though he travelled to Rome, he was injured and did not take part.

Since he was born in Britain and holds a British passport, it was thought he would be eligible for selection for Split. On the evening of the London Marathon, Les Jones, the team manager, said that the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) would look into the matter.

O'Reilly went horse riding in Somerset immediately after the marathon and could not be contacted. After returning to his home in Pinner, north London, he said yesterday: "I'm not interested in the European championship.

"I'm not sure if I want to run for anybody internationally because I don't want to get involved in the politics and selection policies."

Although Allister Hutton won London, the next home athlete was six minutes behind in 32nd place. The selectors named Carl Thackery, on the strength of performances over shorter distances, and Hutton for Split but left open the third place.

Paul Davies-Hale, the winner of the Chicago Marathon, has said he will run the 10,000 metres or nothing in Split but the BAAB will remain obstinate on its policy of declining to name the third man until after the 10,000 metres trial on June 29.

"In the past, athletes have made early decisions and regretted that they were not still up for consideration," Frank Dick, the national director of coaching and a selector, said yesterday.

"Clearly Davies-Hale is the sort of athlete who the selectors would wish to consider."

Hutton has said that it is unreasonable to give a marathon runner such short notice, and Geoff Wightman, the obvious choice now, said yesterday the uncertainty meant that he could not get on with specific training for either a marathon or a track season.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Gregory to head tour

AFTER being replaced by Shaun Edwards, of Wigan, as the Great Britain captain for the second international against France at Headingley, the Warrington captain and loose forward, Mike Gregory, was yesterday appointed captain for the summer tour of Papua New Guinea and New Zealand.

There is an element of irony in Gregory's appointment. After he had led Great Britain to victory in the series against New Zealand during the absence of Ellery Hanley, through injury, Gregory gave way to Hanley's return for the first game against France in Perpignan.

However, when Hanley's injury recurred, he was passed over for the second match in favour of Edwards, and presumably gets the tour captaincy because Edwards, like Hanley, misses the trip because of a long-term injury.

The vice-captain will be Garry Schofield, the Leeds captain, who has made a splendid return to international rugby league after being flown home injured from the 1988 tour of Australasia.

Gregory said: "It is the greatest honour a player can have to captain his country. We will go out without a lot of experienced internationals, but we will give it our best shot both in Papua and in New Zealand and we have a lot of good, young players who can come of age on this tour."

GYMNASTICS

Mercer recovers well

THE British women's team, fresh from the European championships in Athens at the weekend, today resumes training for the World School Games at Bruges in a fortnight's time (Peter Aykroyd writes).

Although their Athens results were disappointing, the three British competitors performed to higher standards than last year.

Sarah Mercer, the British champion, finished 27th after a fall and a shaky landing in her beam routine, her first exercise. However, she was performing in the leading group of gymnasts, which included the successful Soviet defending champion, Svetlana Boginskaya. The judges were thus motivated to assess each routine against higher marks than granted to the two other groups.

Mercer's performance subsequently improved and she finished with a confident execution of her recently-introduced Tkachev release and catch move on the asymmetric bars for 9.687. Her colleagues, Louise Reeding and Lorna Mainwaring, completing in junior groups, were 25th and 42nd respectively.

● The British boys and girls teams for the World School Games was also announced yesterday.

BRITISH SCHOOLS TEAMS: Boys: L McDermott, L Wootton, D Brindle, C Heap, G Swash, C Beaumont. Girls: S Mercer, L Reeding, L Mainwaring, E Morgan, L Timmins, K Everett.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Docherty is straight in

KEN Docherty, the world amateur and world junior snooker champion, takes his place on the professional circuit next season without playing off for professional status in the qualifying competition at Blackpool on May 31 and June 1.

Docherty, aged 21, from Dublin goes straight through because the Canadian, Paul Thornley, has decided not to defend his professional status.

Open to bids

Pat Barratt's challenge for the European light-welterweight title, held by Efren Calamati, of Italy, will be subject to purse offers as the boxers' camps have failed to reach agreement over the bout.

Wales dates

The Welsh men's hockey team will play two internationals against South Korea at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, on September 29 and 30.

Swede retires

STOCKHOLM (Agencies) — Kent Carlsson, the Swedish tennis player who once reached No. 6 in the world rankings, said yesterday that he was retiring at the age of 22 due to persistent knee injuries. He won nine grand prix titles, all on clay, and four matches for his country in the Davis Cup.

Sheffield aim

Sheffield, the venue for the World Student Games next year, is hoping to stage the 1993 European swimming championships.

Dobson defiant

Helen Dobson, aged 19, looks likely to defy "tennis elbow" in her left arm to defend her English women's amateur golf title at Rye later this month.

England's loss

England Under-15 schoolboys yesterday lost their unbeaten record in the Munich Olympic stadium, when they lost 2-0 to West Germany.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NDMA LEAGUE: Fylde Falcons 18, Thames Valley Chargers 22, Nottingham Hoods 14, Manchester Spartans 43, Glasgow Lions 48, Leeds Cougars 21; Manchester Allstars 20, Leicester Panthers 42; Gateshead Senators 41, Portsmouth Warriors 22, Brighton B52 s 59, Chelmsford Cherokees 21; Bristol Packers 6, London Olympians 15; Bournemouth Bobcats 36, London 2.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal Expos 7, San Francisco Giants 6; New York Mets 7, Houston Astros 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 4, San Diego Padres 1; Atlanta Braves 9, Chicago Cubs 8; Cincinnati Reds 3, St Louis Cardinals 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City Royals 4, Cleveland Indians 2; Toronto Blue Jays 6, Chicago White Sox 1; Milwaukee Brewers 5, Detroit Tigers 4; Oakland Athletics 5, New York Yankees 1; Boston Red Sox 5, Seattle Mariners 4; Baltimore Orioles 6, California Angels 5.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Second round: Chicago Bulls 96, Philadelphia 76ers 85 (first game in best-of-seven series).

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCH: Kent 113, Northumberland 124.

BOXING

LOS ANGELES: WBC bantamweight championship: Raul Perez (Mex, holder) bt Gerardo Martinez (US), rsc 9th rnd.

SPEEDWAY

SUNBRITE BRITISH LEAGUE: Wolverhampton 45, Reading 48.

CRICKET

DARLINGTON BUILDING SOCIETY NORTH YORKSHIRE AND SOUTH DURHAM LEAGUE: Saturday: Darlington 271-5, Guisborough 169-7, Hartlepool 219-5, Northallerton 167-6, Middlesbrough 238-4, Bishop Auckland 148, Redcar 218-6, Blackhall 101-6, Saltburn 198-9, Marske 127-6, Normanby Hall 178, Stockton 154-8, Norton 189-7, Billingham 195, Darlington RA 193-7, Thornaby 110-7. Monday: Bishop Auckland 229-5, Redcar 192, Hartlepool 140, Guisborough 141-4, Marske 207-4, Billingham 211-8, Darlington 150, Normanby Hall 95-6, Middlesbrough 167, Norton 142-8, Darlington RA 175-9, Saltburn 146-8, Blackhall 234-4, Stockton 121-8, Northallerton 190-7, Thornaby 134-6.

ALLIED DUNBAR BRADFORD LEAGUE: Priestley Cup: Bowling Old Lane 106, Pudsey Congs 107-4; Bradford and Bingley 292-6, Drighlington 112-8; Yeadon 253-2, Saltaire 157-7; Undercliffe 154-9, Lidget Green 149; Brighouse 195-9, Bankfoot 115; Spen Victoria 338-3, Ben rhydding 131-8; Farsley 244-5, Lightcliffe 88; Baildon 219-7, Eccleshill 126; Hartshead Moor 252-3, Queensbury 138; Yorkshirebank 231, Great Horton 202; Keighley 154-8, Manningham Mills 145; Salts 124, East Bierley 125-3; Windhill 155-6, Idle 156-3.

CYCLING

TOUR DE TRUMP: Sixth stage (Charlottesville to Winchester, 202.2km): 1, P Poisson (Fr), 5hr 25min 29sec; 2, P McCormack (Eire, amateur), same time; 3, T Gogulski (US), 5.25.46. 4, O Ludwig (EG), 5.30.30; 5, M Zanoli (Neth), 6, D Phinney (US), both same time. Leaders after six stages: 1, V Bobrik (USSR, amateur), 20hr 14min 54sec; 2, R Alcala (Mex), at 2min 43sec; 3, S Bauer (Can), at 2.59. 4, A Kvalsvoll (Nor), at 3:00; 5, N Verhoeven (Neth), at 3:07, 6, R Kiefel (US), at 3:13.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Wales Conference finals: Boston Bruins 4, Washington Capitals 1 (Bruins lead best-of-seven series, 3-0).

FOOTBALL

FA YOUTH CUP: Final, first leg: Middlesbrough 1, Tottenham Hotspur 2.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Ipswich 2, Fulham 2; Luton 1, Chelsea 3.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Utd 1, Nottingham Forest 1. Second division: Rotherham 5, Blackpool 0.

SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL MATCH: West Germany Under-15 2, England Under-15 0 (in Munich).

HANG GLIDING

NEWTOWN, Mid Wales: British championship: Second round: 1, J Pendry (Brighton), 1,607pts; 2, R Calvert (Blackburn), 1,537; 3, J Leden (Camberley), 1,516; 4, R Rhodes (Northampton), 1,456; 5, B Goldsmith (London), 1,440; 6, A Nelson (Northampton), 1,430. Third round: 1, M Stephens (Welwyn Garden City), 436pts; 2, J Pendry (Brighton), 372; 3, K Ramm (Marlborough), 250. Overall: 1, Stephens, 541, 2, Pendry, 402, 3, K Tipple (Basingstoke), 337.

YACHTING

ANTIGUA: Antigua race week: Final positions: Racing Class 1: 1, Encore (J Dolan, US); 2, Juni II (Austria); 3, Volt International (G Walker, GB). Racing Class 2: 1, Crackerjack X (K Miller, GB); 2, Highland Fling (I Laidlaw, GB); 3, Sonador (D Engila, US). Racing Class 3: 1, Titan IV (T Hill, P Rico); 2, Slingshot (D de Lemaos, St Marten), 3, Caccia alla Volpe (C Falcone, It). Overall Racing Classes: 1, Titan IV; 2, Encore; 3, Slingshot. Cruising Class 1: 1, War Baby (W Brown, Ber); 2, Gandolph Wight Sorceror (D Wood, GB); 3, Stormy Weather (GB). Cruising Class 2: 1, Evita (Nor); 2, Ripnde (R Archer, Antigua); 3, Talisman (C Saks, US). Cruising Class 3: 1, Quetzal (D Walters, Cayman Islands); 2, Lost Horizon (GB); 3, First Timer (A Edmond, GB). Cruising Class 4: 1, Alphida (E Cooper, Ber); 2, Pacific Wave (P Hotta, It); 3, Spirit of the Deep (J and S Mitchell, GB).

REAL TENNIS

HOLYPORT: Women's handicap tournament: Semi-finals: R Lake and S Macintosh bt S Newsom and N Jenkins, 6-0; A Seymour-Mead and C Dixon bt T Kuit-Steer and V Mason, 6-1. Final: Seymour-Mead and Dixon bt Lake and Macintosh, 6-4.

SNOOKER

MATCHROOM LEAGUE: A Meo (Eng) bt C Thorburn (Eng), 5-3; J Parrott (Eng) drew with S Davis (Eng), 4-4; J Parrott (Eng) drew with W Thorne (Eng), 4-4; C Thorburn (Can) bt J White (Eng), 7-1.

PRESTATYN: Pontins professional tournament: Quarter-finals: M Hallett (Eng) bt T Drago (Malta), 5-3; S Hendry (Scot) bt J Johnson (Eng), 5-1; C Wilson (Wales) bt D Morgan (Wales), 5-2; J Wattana (Thai) bt M Clark (Eng), 5-4.

SWIMMING

CARDIFF: Speedo Meeting: Men: Freestyle: 50m: 1, L Aldaz (Switz), 24.13sec; 2, A Ripley (Buxton District), 24.67; 3, P McQuaid (City of Manchester), 24.72. 1,500m: 1, A Rolley (Portsmouth Northsea), 16min 24.15sec, 2, T Lewis (Nova Centurion), 16:32.92. 100m backstroke: 1, G Robins (Portsmouth Northsea), 1:00.50; 2, G Wells (Can), 1:00.86; 3, M Peyrebrune (Loughborough), 1:00.95. 50m breaststroke: 1, K Guttler (Hun), 29.27sec; 2, V Ivanov (USSR), 29.37. 200m butterfly: M Watkins (Torfaen), 2min 06.87sec. 200m individual medley: 1, D Rolley (Portsmouth Northsea), 2:10.94; 2, A Batuchin (USSR), 2:10.97. Top swimmer: Guttler. Top club: Portsmouth Northsea. Women: 200m freestyle: 1, N Trefilova (USSR), 2:05.04; 2, C Horton (Norwich Penguins), 2:05.76. 200m backstroke: K Egerszegi (Hun), 2:12.60. 50m breaststroke: L Hooiveld (Aus), 32.47sec. 100m butterfly: 1, N Yakoleva (USSR), 1min 03.28sec; 2, C Foot (Millfield), 1:03.53. 400m individual medley: 1, H Slatter (Warrington Warriors), 4:58.58; 2, N Yakoleva (USSR), 4:59.69. Top swimmer: Hooiveld. Top club: Warrington Warriors.

TENNIS

KIAWAH ISLAND, South Carolina: United States men's clay-court championships: First round (US unless stated): D Wheaton bt R Matuszewski, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5; T Wilkison bt S Davis, 6-3, 6-2; J Tarango bt L Duncan, 6-3, 6-4; D Rostagno bt M Nido (P Rico), 6-1, 6-1; M Washington bt L Shiras, 6-2, 6-1; R Weiss bt A Aramburu (Peru), 6-0, 6-2; C Gardner bt D Goldberg, 6-4, 7-6; M Wostenholme (Can) bt D Cassidy, 6-2, 6-1.

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian Open championship: First round: J Siemerink (Neth) bt R Rasheed (Aus), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; J Eltingh (Neth) bt G Michibata (Can), 6-3, 6-3; C Dosedel (Cz) bt B Garrow (US), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; D Harkness (US) bt J Bulant (Cz), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; C Johnson (US) bt F Barrientos (Phil), 6-3, 3-6, 7-6.

TYNE GROVE: LTA ratings tournament: Finals: Men: A Carswell bt R Oades, 6-2, 7-6. Women: K Llewellyn bt F Lever, 6-0, 6-2.

SQUASH RACKETS

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CHALLENGE: Quarter-finals: Huddersfield 2, Birminghamnewman 3.

SKIING

GLOUCESTER: Quest Travel All England championships (artificial slopes): Men's senior: 1, M Bell (Harrogate), 39.27sec; 2, T Ondrucz (Stainforth), 40.60; 3, G Williams (Norfolk), 40.86. Women's senior: 1, D Pratt (Lions), 45.78; 2, L Blagden (Telford), 49.51; 3, I Taylor (Queens Head), 50.83. Inter-region relay: 1, London and South-east; 2, Yorkshire and Humberside; 3, Eastern.

Cup honour

SIR Stanley Matthews will be guest of honour at the Leyland Daf Cup final between Bristol Rovers and Tranmere Rovers at Wembley on May 20.

EVENING RACING

Folkestone

Going: firm

6.0 (1m 4f) 1, Kalmadene (R Cochrane, 5-6 fav); 2, Talabayra (5-4); 3, Nikolayevich (12-1). 6 ran. 1½l, 15l. G Harwood. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.40. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.26.

6.25 (1m 2f) 1, Prince Livermore (W R Swinburn, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Sweet 'N' Low (4-1); 3, Grondola (15-2). 7 ran. Philippa's Heir 7-2 jt-fav. 2l, 1½l. N Callaghan. Tote: £7.00; £3.30, £1.20. DF: £8.10. CSF: £17.61.

6.50 (5f) 1, Timeless Times (A Munro, 8-15 fav); 2, Lear Leader (15-8); 3, Kirriemuir (11-1). 3 ran. 2½l, 1½l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.30. CSF: £1.80.

● Royal Gait, who was sensationally disqualifed after winning the Ascot Gold Cup in record time in 1988, has been retired because of injury. The British-bred Royal Gait was due to be trained at Newmarket by Henry Cecil this season after being bought by Sheikh Mohammed.

Four for Germany

FOUR national cycling champions will represent Britain in the Hanover and West Berlin track grands prix on May 19 and 20. They are Stewart Brydon (sprint), Steve Paulding (1,000 metres time trial), Louise Jones (sprint) and Clare Rushworth (800 metres grass).

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Italians will take measures to thwart hooligans

From John Goodbody, Rome

COLIN Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, yesterday finalized a series of measures to minimize the chances of hooliganism by English supporters ruining the World Cup in Italy next month.

After a series of meetings here with officials of the Government and also the organizing committee, four main agreements were reached. First, English supporters who are arrested for minor offences but not charged will be deported from Italy. Second, ferries to Sardinia, where England will play the three first-round games, will be heavily policed. English supporters will be segregated from other passengers. Alcohol will not be sold.

Third, no tickets will be sold on the day of matches. Any spare tickets will be returned to the Football Association. Fourth, the Italian authorities will refuse to pay unemployment benefit to any Englishmen who claim that they are continuing to look for work in another Common Market country while they are watching the World Cup.

Moynihan's agreement with Carlo Tognoni, the Minister for Sport, and Giancarlo Ruffino, the Under Secretary for the Interior, has clarified a number of possible problems for the month-long tournament, which begins on June 8, and will be the crucial test for whether the British Government will support the readmission of the English clubs to the three European competitions.

Perhaps the most important decision is the deportation of troublesome England followers. At the 1988 European championship, when 394 supporters were arrested in a series of incidents across West Germany, only a handful were charged.

If the Italian police carry out this agreement to deport people for boisterous or anti-social behaviour then this could have a very severe effect. However, it will be a test of the Italians' determination. If any supporters are convicted of offences abroad, then, under the new Football Spectators Act, they will have restriction orders placed on them in Britain, forcing them to report to attendance centres for either two or five years whenever international matches are played abroad.

About half of the expected 10,000 English spectators travelling to Italy will use ferries, mainly from Genoa. Before the Sweden v England World Cup qualifying match in Stockholm last September, the ferry, Tour Britannia, was the scene of fighting so serious that the captain had to return to Harwich.

All English supporters who have obtained tickets through authorized channels have been screened against lists of known troublemakers. However, many spectators may try to obtain tickets on the black market or to gain entry to games without paying.

The Swedish police succumbed last September and allowed hundreds of England followers to be admitted because it was less trouble to have them under control inside the stadium than roaming the streets. Hopefully, the Italian police will be more rigorous, and World Cup organizers will stand firm in refusing to allow tickets to be sold on the day of games.

Any England followers wearing a T-shirt displaying offensive material might face charges under a new Italian law. In a recent game between Inter Milan and Naples, 59 people were served with restriction orders by magistrates for wearing provocative shirts.

Moynihan spoke yesterday of "the commendable tough line" taken in Italy over these measures. However, he must recognize that the problems are enormous if the tournament, attended by 24 countries and, after the Olympic Games, the most important international competition, is to be free from trouble. This is partly because of the presence of a violent minority among the supporters and partly because the followers of England have increasingly become a target for groups from other countries.

Moynihan again stressed that the important factor for the Government to examine before recommending to UEFA, the European football union, whether English clubs should be readmitted to the European competitions was not so much the behaviour of supporters at home but their behaviour abroad. He said it would be "unwise and irresponsible" for UEFA to make any decision in advance of the World Cup.

Today, the Minister will fly to Sardinia to see if he can persuade the Sardinian authorities to impose a ban on alcohol sales in Cagliari on the day of matches, a policy supported by the Italian Government.

Leeds chairman asks UEFA to wait for all the facts

By Ian Ross

LESLIE Silver, the chairman of Leeds United, yesterday urged UEFA, football's European governing body, to establish the full facts surrounding the crowd disturbances at his club's game at Bournemouth on Saturday before making a decision on the question of the readmission of English clubs to European competition.

In the wake of Monday's announcement by Lennart Johansson, the newly-elected president of UEFA, that the issue would now be decided on May 24, before this summer's World Cup finals in Italy, Silver said that it would be "irresponsible" of UEFA to pass judgement without first studying evidence, which may take time to collate.

More than 100 people were arrested, and 20 people injured, before, and after, Saturday's game when a group of about 4,000 Leeds supporters, without tickets, attempted to gain entrance to Dean Court.

After being informed of the violent scenes, Johansson said: "After this, I am very sceptical about letting the English clubs back."

Silver urged UEFA to await a full report on the incident before reaching a decision and, while condemning Saturday's violence, he insisted that his club had done everything possible to prevent ticketless supporters travelling to the south coast.

"This club took all the action it could possibly have taken. Normally, between 3,000 and 5,000 of our supporters will travel to our away games, but there was obviously a far greater interest in this particular fixture because there was so much at stake," he said.

"I do not really want to criticize the Football League, but I do believe that the whole thing was rather badly thought out. Logically, it would not have taken a great deal of planning to change the fixtures around so that we were more local on the last day of the season. But I do appreciate that hindsight is a very precise science."

Silver admitted that he was "horrified" by the suggestion that his club should be denied promotion to the first division because of the weekend troubles.

"It would be a total injustice if Leeds United were not to be promoted. I honestly do not see why this club should be punished. Had we done something which we were personally responsible for, then the situation would obviously be different," he said.

"We shall be taking action against people who are convicted of hooliganism and they will be banned by the club. We do not want their kind attached to us in anyway."

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First for UMIST

UMIST qualified for the semi-finals of the Commercial Union UAU golf tournament for the first time in their history by beating Nottingham University 5½-3½ in a hard-fought match at Hopwood Golf Club in North Manchester on Monday.

MARC ASPLAND

Parker goes as Downton, the Middlesex wicketkeeper, holds a catch off Gatting's bowling. Match report, page 44

Glamorgan fool the critics

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

NEW ROAD (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan beat Worcestershire by 16 runs

Glamorgan's faithful have learned to subdue their optimism through many years of suffering and audible scorn was the general response to their pre-season whispers about winning a limited-overs competition. That reaction must be dramatically adjusted after this merited defeat of the Benson and Hedges Cup favourites improved Glamorgan's record to five victories in five one-day games.

One of two counties never to reach the final, Glamorgan are now all but mathematically through to the last eight for only the second time since they last played Worcestershire in this cup, in 1979. That was their third meeting in three years, and Worcestershire lost them all, but defeat for the 1990 side is undoubtedly more of an upset.

It leaves them needing to beat their neighbours Warwickshire, at Edgbaston on Thursday, to be sure of surviving the zonal rounds. Such is the critical nature of this game, that Ian Botham is aiming to play, only a week after an operation on his knee.

Botham had a net yesterday before confirming: "Thursday's match is my target, because my only priority is to help Worcestershire in this competition, but I won't know if I will make it until I have had another bowl tomorrow."

Botham was missed yesterday, though not for his bowling. Steve Rhodes, nursing a broken finger, was also missed, though not primarily for his wicketkeeping. The absence of this pair in the middle-order batting, left Worcestershire with a conspicuously-long tail and once Mark Frost, the gold award winner, had dismissed Gordon Lord and Graeme Hick in four balls at the start of the innings, they were never on terms to attain a target of 256.

Frost is one of several admirable close-season signings which have given the element of genuine competition to a once-complacent squad. He was recommended to Glamorgan by Geoff Arnold, whose Surrey staff is over burdened with seam bowlers, but on the early-season evidence at both clubs, Arnold may have discarded the wrong man.

Yet another graduate of Durham University, Frost stands 6ft 2in and uses his height exceptionally well. Deceptively sharp, he hurried all the Worcestershire batsmen and finished with the marvellous figures of four for 25, eleven of the runs coming from his last over.

Nigel Cowley, formerly of Hampshire, is an equally-shrewd acquisition for this form of cricket and when his off-spin accounted for Curtis soon after tea, caught off bat and pad as he tried to sweep, Worcestershire's hopes faded.

D'Oliveira and Neal swung the bat defiantly, but with 15 overs left, they were no more than halfway to the target and this Glamorgan team runs right to the tape. Even Radford's 40 from 16 balls at the death gave them only minor palpitations.

The game had seemed beyond recall when the abbrasive Radford struck 16 off three balls from Richards and followed up with two consecutive straight sixes against Barwick. The target was down to 27 from 15 balls when Radford was caught on the long-off boundary to the relief of everyone Welsh.

They were well served by batting first, for although the pitch permitted some uneven bounce early on, it was never dangerous, but the ball certainly swung more under cloud cover later in the day.

By then, Butcher the purposeful captain, and Morris, who handed over the job last summer, had put on 120 in 30 overs for the first wicket. They have both benefitted from the change at the top; Butcher is relishing the responsibility, Morris is happier for being rid of it.

Maynard, straining for more discipline in his batting, stayed 21 overs for 36, but Richards was fleetingly at his majestic best, landing one effortless six on the roof of the press box and nodding in silent satisfaction at his accuracy. Already his influence on this Glamorgan side is evident both on and off the field. Who knows what they might achieve now?

● Derek Underwood, the former Kent and England bowler, was hit for six sixes and took three for 103 on his Priestley Cup debut in the Allied Dunbar Bradford League, for Bankfoot, who lost by 81 runs to Brighouse.

GLAMORGAN

*A R Butcher b Hick	57
H Morris c D'Oliveira b Lampitt	57
M P Maynard b Radford	36
I V A Richards c and b Radford	25
G C Holmes c and b Newport	8
I Smith c Radford b Dilley	21
N G Cowley c Lampitt b Dilley	11
†C P Metson not out	14
S L Watkin not out	1
Extras (lb 18, w 4, nb 3)	25
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	227

M Frost and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-121, 2-134, 3-176, 4-185, 5-223, 6-229, 7-248.

BOWLING: Dilley 11-3-45-2; Radford 11-0-52-2; Lampitt 6-0-43-1; Newport 11-1-28-1; Illingworth 8-0-33-0; Hick 8-0-36-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE

T S Curtis c Metson b Cowley	36
G J Lord c Morris b Frost	0
G A Hick b Frost	0
D B D'Oliveira c Smith b Frost	57
*P A Neale b Barwick	31
S R Lampitt c Metson b Barwick	41
R K Illingworth c Morris b Frost	6
P J Newport c Butcher b Barwick	4
N V Radford c Holmes b Barwick	40
G R Dilley not out	5
†S R Bevins not out	0
Extras (lb 10, w 9)	19
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	239

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-17, 3-77, 4-112, 5-152, 6-170, 7-175, 8-229, 9-239.

BOWLING: Barwick 11-0-67-4; Watkin 11-1-45-0; Frost 11-3-25-4; Cowley 11-0-33-1; Richards 11-0-59-0.

Gold Award: M Frost.

Umpires: H D Bird and P B Wight.

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Move to enlist overseas umpires

By Simon Wilde

THE prospect of overseas umpires standing in next summer's Test cricket series between England and West Indies is looking increasingly likely.

Such a scenario is doubtless one the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), which has long held the belief that English umpires are among the best in the world, privately regrets, but the board has been forced to come to terms with it because of the disputes over umpiring decisions that now blight practically every international tour.

A majority of the Test-playing nations accept that the customary accusations of bias and incompetence levelled against host countries' umpires by touring teams cannot continue.

Following informal discussions in Sharjah last week, they have resolved upon change and a scheme designed to gain general acceptance is being finalized by Colin Cowdrey, the chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC). It is expected that the plan will be ratified at the ICC's annual meeting in London late next month.

The most probable outcome is that in future a touring side will be offered a list of native umpires for its international fixtures by the host nation. If, however, these names are not acceptable to the visitors – as would seem most likely based on recent experiences – then they would have the right to call for officials from a third country to be used.

At the moment, except in Pakistan, which has championed a change for several years and where "neutral" umpires have been used in a few Tests, the host country provides and pays for the umpires.

The only Test-playing country not involved in the talks in Sharjah was West Indies, but Cowdrey recently visited the Caribbean and sounded out views on the issue.

The principal obstacles to the use of third-country umpires are statistical and financial. It is estimated the annual cost would be at least £250,000. Sponsorship is being considered.

Another difficulty is that there are no professional umpires outside England. Those officials would either need remuneration for the lengthy periods away from regular jobs, or could be called on to stand in domestic matches.

Also, some employers might not agree to a request for leave; thus, for instance, Shakoor Rana may be prevented from standing in a Test in England by the veto of Pakistan Railways.

Rib injury may rule Fraser out

ANGUS Fraser, the England fast bowler, looks certain to miss the Texaco Trophy matches against New Zealand at the end of the month.

Fraser's troublesome rib muscle injury, sustained on the tour of West Indies, is lingering and he is to see a specialist about the problem.

The England manager, Micky Stewart, said yesterday: "He's been having intensive treatment, but it still doesn't look too good."

Stewart is confident that the vice-captain, Allan Lamb, who damaged hamstring fibres five days ago, will line up as Graham Gooch's No. 2 in the first one-day international against New Zealand at Headingley on May 23.

Seleses combine in the search for perfection

From Andrew Longmore
Tennis Correspondent
Rome

PATERNALISM is rife on the women's world tennis tour these days. First there was Steffi Graf and father Peter, then there was Monica and Karoly Seles; now there is Jennifer and Stefano Capriati. There seem to be so many anxious parents shepherding offspring around, they will soon have to start printing pedigrees as well as names on the drawsheets.

The problem is often that the dominance of strong father figures has conflicted with the interests of strong coaches. Like the Grafs several years ago, the Seleses have solved that by combining the two roles.

Monica confirmed at the Italian Open yesterday, as she signed a $3 million deal with the clothing company, Fila, that her father, Karoly, will take over from Nick Bolletteri as her coach.

"He has always been there, through good times and bad, and he knows my game the best," she said. "On the court, the relationship would be entirely professional; off it, we will forget totally about tennis. It will be simply father and daughter."

Or Tom and Jerry, as her father put it.

Casting aside parental interest for the moment, it is a little confusing what Karoly's qualifications are for coaching the world's No. 3. He did try to explain, but his English is rather like his daughter's forehand – rapid and prone to error. At some point, he studied physiology and sports at univerity in Yugoslavia. He was also a triple jumper and is a journalist, cartoonist and humourist, which makes him a true figure of the Renaissance and therefore much loved by the locals.

Reading between the lines, father Seles is partly frightened that Monica will lose her individuality; partly worried that she will be pushed too hard while her slender frame is still developing. "I am an artist," he said. "Monica must play like Monica – in an original style."

Samantha Smith, Britain's top junior, aged 18, has had to sacrifice home and family in her efforts to make a career of professional tennis. She has been practising five hours a day six days a week with five other girls and her new coach, Patricio Apey, in Key Biscayne for the last six months and has not seen her parents since before Christmas.

"I am not homesick because I am concentrating too hard on improving my game. It is my big chance to make it," she said.

Smith's education, which has included a spell under Shirley Brasher, was furthered yesterday – but in defeat, not victory.

The Essex girl, who came through qualifying to reach the first round of the Italian Open, lost to Kristen Godridge, of Australia, after winning the first set and breaking twice in the last.

"I didn't know whether to go for it or be patient," she said. "It is just a question of playing enough matches. Capriati and Seles might be younger than me, but they have twice as much experience and that's what you have to look at."

And who knows? In years to come, Ivan Lendl himself might be trudging around the courts of the world in the wake of another child prodigy. Yesterday, to complete fathers' day, his wife, Samantha, gave birth to a baby daughter

RESULTS: First round: R Reggi (It) bt N Medvedeva (USSR), 6-0, 6-3; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt N Jagerman (Neth), 7-5, 6-7, 6-2; J Halard (Fr) bt K Piccolini (It), 6-2, 6-2; P Tarabini (Arg) bt I Demongeot (Fr), 6-1, 6-4; K Godridge (Aus) bt S Smith (GB), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; S La Fratta (It) bt S Martin (US), 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; A Vieira (Br) bt F Romano (It), 6-3, 6-4; M Paz (Arg) bt P Langrova (Cz), 6-1, 7-6; M Cecchini (It) and B Fulco (Arg) wd, 6-7 6-0 – rain. Second round: G Sabatini (Arg) bt A Grossman (US), 7-6, 6-0; L Golarsa (It) bt N Tauziat (Fr), 6-3, 7-6; C Martinez (Sp) bt D Faber (US), 6-0, 6-2; H Kelesi (Can) bt L Lapi (It), 6-2, 6-0; R Rajchrova (Cz) bt L Gildemeister (Peru), 6-4, 7-6.